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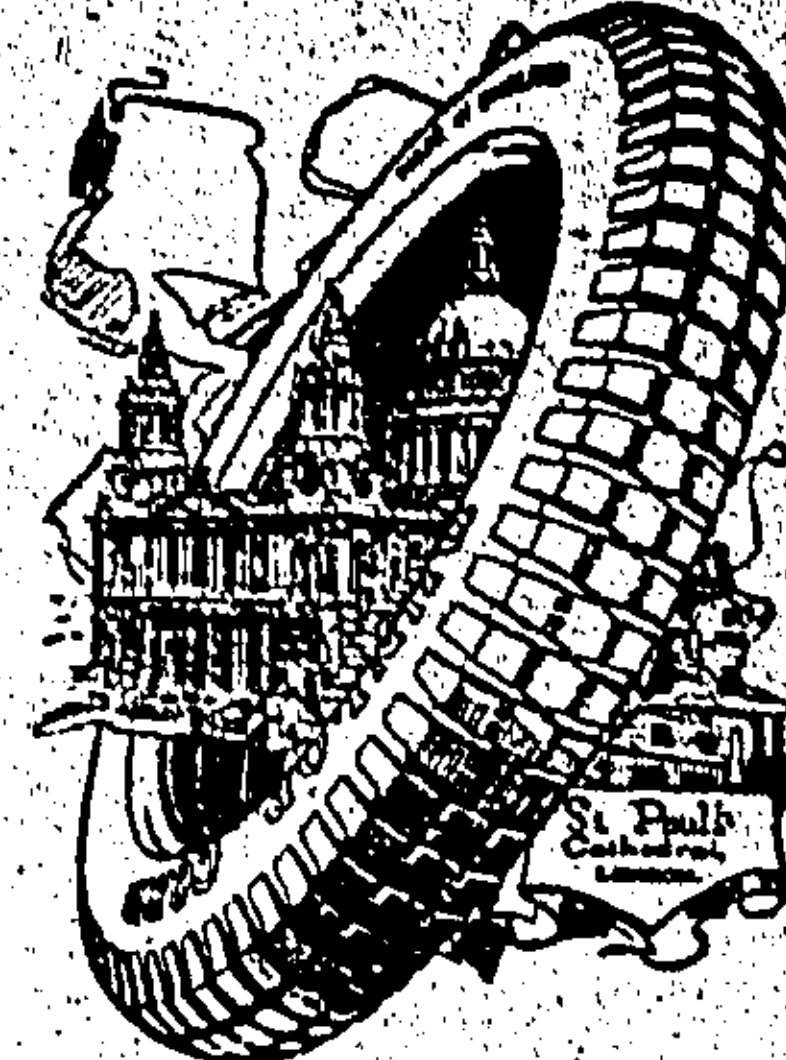
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NAVAL HOSPITAL FUTURE.

EXCHANGE OF LAND POSSIBLE.

FORMER WAR MEMORIAL SITE MENTIONED.

MATTER CONSIDERED.

Enquiries made by the Telegraph to-day indicate the possibility of an exchange of lands between the naval authorities and the Hongkong Government, as a result of which the latter will come into possession of the Royal Naval Hospital and its grounds, whilst the site originally selected for the War Memorial Hospital, above Stubbs Road, will be made available for the purposes of a new Naval Hospital.

The matter, we understand, has been under consideration for some considerable time, but it appears that at the moment it is held in abeyance, although the scheme may eventually go through.

The naval authorities have for several years past realised the desirability of a change in the situation of the Naval Hospital, and as the War Memorial Hospital site has long since been abandoned for the purpose for which it was prepared, the idea of effecting an exchange of land suggested itself.

Change of Site.

The site originally chosen for the War Memorial Hospital is situated near Blacks Links, and it was laid out at considerable cost to the Government, which also built an access road thereto. After consideration, however, it was decided that the site would be inconvenient of access both to patients and visitors, and eventually a site for the War Memorial Hospital was chosen at Mount Kellett. This was acquired in 1928, and the contract was let the same year. The stone-laying ceremony of the Hospital took place in April of this year.

The Blacks Link site has since remained unoccupied, although standing practically ready for building purposes.

The naval authorities have been in occupation of the present Naval Hospital at Wanchai for many years, the building having apparently formerly belonged to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company. Prior to that, the Navy had a small hospital of its own elsewhere, this having been erected as far back as 1843.

Matter Dormant.

Enquiries made this morning in official circles showed that the suggestion for the exchange of sites between the Government and the naval authorities has been considered, but that the matter is, at the moment, dormant.

The suggested site for the new Naval Hospital is Crown land, and the occupation of it by the naval authorities would therefore take the form of an exchange. How soon, or how long, it would be before such a transaction would be effected, no official intimation could be given.

Future of Naval Hospital.

As to the future of the present Naval Hospital, should the transaction take place, no information could be gleaned. A suggestion that it might be converted into police quarters was not confirmed, and was, in fact, regarded as most unlikely. It was pointed out that the necessity of changing the present Naval Hospital accommodation is the presence of tenement houses, which surround the building, and this would probably also prevent the site being used as police quarters.

It is not without interest to note that, according to a statement made to a Telegraph representative, the existing Naval Hospital was formerly owned by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Although no actual date can be ascertained, it appears that it was taken over from this firm many years ago.

The resolution to make provision for a vehicular ferry, which was postponed from the last meeting, is to come before the Legislative Council on Thursday.

COLONY'S BUDGET READY.

OVER \$23,000,000 FOR COMING YEAR.

HIGHER THAN LAST.

The Colony's Budget is to be introduced at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday, when the Hon. Colonial Secretary will move the first reading of a Bill to apply a sum not exceeding \$23,365,335 to the Public Service for the year 1931.

The total expenditure budgeted for represents an increase of over a million dollars as compared with the provision made for the present year. The 1930 Budget estimate was \$22,268,515, but included in this sum was \$1,364,076 for Public Debt and \$3,665,586 Military Contribution. Deducting these sums, for which no comparative figures are given in the new Budget, the total comes to \$22,088,870, as against the \$23,365,335 now to be budgeted for.

It is noteworthy that Public Works Extraordinary have been cut down in the new Budget, the figure being \$2,500,000, compared with \$3,840,750 for the current year. Pensions have risen from \$913,000 to \$1,228,000. There are increases under most of the other headings, due, of course, largely to salary increases.

The sum required for the coming year is allocated as follows:

His Excellency the Governor	\$ 155,890
Cadet Service	666,221
Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff	344,113
Junior Clerical Service	916,050
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislative Council	60,625
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	19,529
Treasury	54,635
Audit Department	72,504
District Office, North	24,317
District Office, South	12,340
Post Office	408,405
Wireless Telegraph Service	149,961
Imports and Exports Office	871,194
Harbour Department	1,164,394
Air Services	154,568
Royal Observatory	71,012
Fire Brigade	326,479
Supreme Court	173,354
Attorney General	47,226
Crown Solicitor's Office	50,322
Official Receiver	18,531
Land Office	36,754
Magistrate, Hongkong	2,359
Magistrate, Kowloon	2,150
Police Force	2,110,923
Prisons Department	213,369
Medical Department	1,446,585
Sanitary Department	954,276
Botanical and Forestry Department	119,587
Education Department	1,729,708
Public Works Department	2,038,928
Public Works, Recurrent	1,536,150
Public Works, Extraordinary	2,500,000
Kowloon-Canton Railway	247,547
Volunteer Defence Corps	103,660
Miscellaneous Services	1,490,955
Charitable Services	142,295
Pensions	1,228,000

BOBBY JONES "FED UP" WITH GOLFING!

GETS A GREAT OVATION ON REACHING HOME.

Atlanta, Sept. 29.

Bobby Jones' homefolk gave him an ovation on the conclusion of the greatest trail of golfing adventures that he has ever had. His wife and baby son greeted him first, amid the din of motor horns and train whistles.

Jones looked tired and admitted that he was fed up with golfing. He said he must henceforth attend to law practice, though he would not abandon golf.

The Golfing Association has given him custody of the Walker Cup for a year. This is the first time the cup has been kept outside the office of the Association.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

LUTON SCORE THREE GOALS IN DEFEATING EXETER.

London, Sept. 29.

There was only one match played in the English Football League to-day, between Exeter and Luton, in the southern section of the Third Division. The latter were at home to Exeter, whom they beat by 3 goals to one.—*Reuter.*

WAR CONTINUES IN HONAN.

NANKING TROOPS ATTACKING.

MANCHURIANS' PROMISE OF PEACE TO CHIHLI.

TAX REMISSIONS.

Shanghai, Sept. 29.

Since Thursday, four Nationalist Divisions, consisting of 20,000 men, have been launching assaults against the Kuomintang defenders at Chengchow, along the Lung-Hai Railway, where the Kuomintang contingents under General Sun Lin-zung are situated in the outskirts of the city.

Several minor encounters took place on Thursday while the arrival of two fresh Kuomintang divisions on Friday caused a renewal of severe hostilities. The Kuomintang defenders are erecting strong fortifications around Chengchow.

Nanking Claims.

Commenting on the Nationalist attacks, Hsuehchow Headquarters state that the Nationalist commanders have disbanded over 1,000 Kuomintang troops and taken 700 prisoners.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang was with his troops at Chengchow directing operations on Saturday, while General Sun Liang-cheng was at Khsien and General Lu Chung-lin at Loyang.

Peking Politics.

In an interview with Chinese pressmen at the Peking Garrison Command, General Yu Hsueh-zung, the Commander-in-Chief of the Manchurian expedition to Peking, said yesterday that the Manchurian Government was contemplating doing away with some of the excessive taxes recently imposed by the Shansi regime for the purpose of accumulating war funds.

General Yu reiterated the statement that the Manchurian expedition was for the preservation of peace in China and in this connection the Manchurian regime in Peking would endeavour to stop the present strife in Chihli and Honan.

Along the Peking-Hankow Railway, the Manchurian troops will be stationed as far as Paojing, near the Shansi frontier, and in the southern section of the railway the Manchurian troops will occupy Tingchow.

Protecting Chihli.

Along the Peking-Suiyueh Railway, the Manchurian troops will take charge as far as Nankow.

General Yu Hsueh-zung said that the Manchurian leaders would advise the warring factions in North China to spare Chihli from further internecine strife. It is the intention of the Manchurian Government to station a strong garrison on the Chihli-Shanbun frontier, to ensure peace there.

New Appointments.

Practically all the administrative officials of the Peking and Tientsin Governments are being suggested by General Chang Hsueh-liang, and the Nanking Government has signified its consent while the military commands in the two cities have long since arranged to hand over the administration to the Manchurian Government. Among the notable appointments is the selection of General Chang Hsueh-liang's younger brother, Chang Hsueh-ming, as Superintendent of the Peking-Hankow Railway and concurrently as Chief of the Tientsin Police Force. The list of new officials for the two cities has been submitted to the Central Government by Mukden.

Aeroplanes from Nanking and Hsuehchow visited Shihchiachwang yesterday and manoeuvred for some time, making no attempt, however, to drop bombs. The Nanking planes must have undertaken the visit with the full knowledge that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan was conferring at Shihchiachwang with some Kuomintang Leftist politicians.

SHANGHAI STREET MURDER.

FILIPINO STATED TO HAVE ADMITTED CRIME.

THREE DETAINED.

Shanghai, Sept. 30.

Three Filipinos have been detained in connexion with the murder of the Filipino Garcia, who, as reported yesterday, was fatally stabbed in the early hours of Sunday morning after leaving a cabaret in North Szechuen Road, when he was alleged to have been attacked by a gang of rowdies.

One of the men, Ramon Tobias, a musician, has confessed to the crime, under conditions which might warrant a plea of self-defence. According to his statement, he, with some friends, left his place of employment, the cabaret in question, and the party were jostled by rickshaws in the street and his friend La Frank was riding. Deceased called him a filthy name, using it repeatedly, and then jumped out and attacked accused. During the fight

JUVENILE COURT PROPOSAL.

Resolution at Council Meeting.

SEGREGATION IDEA.

At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the following resolution will be proposed by the Hon. R. H. Kretzschmar:

That in the opinion of this Council steps should be taken by this Government to institute Juvenile Courts where offenders under the age of sixteen can be separately tried with a view to the early establishment of some training institutions where such offenders can be segregated after conviction.

Tobias is said to have struck Garcia at least three times with a knife, one thrust going close to the heart.

Tobias is detained at the American Gaol, and appears before Mr. Kriesel, the U. S. Commissioner, to-day.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S CONDITION.

RECURRENCE OF CONGESTION IN ONE LUNG.

London, Sept. 29.

Lord Birkenhead's condition is again reported on in a bulletin issued to-day, which states that there has been a recurrence of the congestion in one lung, accompanied by a considerable rise of temperature. His general condition remains good.

It will be recalled that he was first reported to be suffering from lung complications towards the end of August, but his condition was stated after a few days to be much improved.—*Reuter.*

London, Sept. 29.

A bulletin concerning Lord Birkenhead, issued this afternoon, states that there has been a recurrence of the congestion in one lung accompanied by a considerable rise in temperature. The patient's general condition remains good. The bulletin is signed by three doctors.—*British Wireless.*

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains to the north, Korea-but has weakened. The typhoon is situated to the south-east of the Bonins, moving N. E. A depression remains over Tongking. The local forecast is:—S.E. or variable winds, light, to moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.

A lecture on "Some functions of the Commercial Banker" is to be delivered by Mr. M. A. Cooper, B. Com. (Lon.), on Thursday at 8.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room of the University. All interested are cordially welcome.

NOVEL CHINESE EXHIBITION.

OLD PEOPLE MEET IN CONTEST.

TELL JUDGES SECRETS OF LONGEVITY.

PRIZES & PENSIONS.

Wuchow, Sept. 27.

An event, unique in its way, as being the first of its kind to happen in South China, if not in all China, has been registered in the municipal history of Wuchow. It was no less than an exhibition for the most robust old people resident in the port.

The exhibition took place at the new Chung Sun Memorial Hall, an imposing brick building of American architectural design, situated on the summit of the Pak-san Hill, overlooking the town and the confluence of the West River and the Fu River. The Hall, which has a seating capacity of two thousand people, was filled to overflowing, among whom the military element was predominant.

Prizes and Pensions.

For some weeks past, the community was advised of the coming show by the local Press and by notices written on long rectangular white cloths hung across streets. Much interest was manifested in the affair; for old age from time immemorial has always been given an honourable place in China. For the first time, however, there was public recognition in the way of prize-giving and annual pensions to the oldest and strongest members of the community.

Mr. Au Fong-pu, the progressive Mayor of Wuchow, in opening the exhibition, expressed his satisfaction at seeing such a large gathering whose presence he considered an encouragement for other cities to hold similar exhibitions. The object of the exhibition, Mr. Au explained was to promote hygienic living among the people, with the view to attaining health and longevity.

After the conclusion of his address, a number of judges were called upon to examine the candidates for prizes, these comprising 15 old people—eight men and seven women—whose ages ranged from 80 to 102 years.

Habits of Life.

Questions were put to them as to their habits of living, the kind of food they ate, smoking and drinking, and finally the reasons to which they attributed their old age.

It is worthy of note that the majority replied that they went to bed and rose early; that they lived mostly on vegetables, meats forming but a small part of their diet; and that they seldom smoked and always refrained from liquors.

An Aged Candidate.

Old age of itself was not sufficient to win maximum marks: health and mobility of the limbs were also qualifications for prizes. The oldest candidate was a woman, She walked with a heavy stoop, which she explained was due to a fall during infancy. Her sight was good, but hearing defective, and she appeared to have lost her memory, even in regard to her surname and age. On the latter point, her neighbours came forth to testify to her age, for she was known to the people of two or three generations in Wuchow.

Some Winners.

The following are some of those receiving prizes and pensions: Liang Lo-sze, female, age 102.—Average marks "97.05, awarded scrolls from General Chan Chai-long, General Lee Yang-king, and Mayor Au Fong-pu, silver souvenirs and cups from other donors, and an annual pension of \$100 from the Municipality; Hu Yau-chang, male, age 87.—Average marks "86.57, awarded scrolls from General Chan Chai-long, General Lee Yang-king, and Mayor Au Fong-pu, and other presents, besides an annual pension of \$50 from the Municipality; Wong Tan-sze, female, age 95.—Average marks 83.72, awarded with scrolls as above, other presents, and an annual pension of \$20 from the Municipality; Ho Lee-sze, female, age 87.—Average marks 82.06, awarded scrolls from the C. in C. and Mayor

WAR ATMOSPHERE DISSIPATED.

FAREWELL TO THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON SPEECHES.

London, Sept. 29.

The Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Arthur Henderson gave a farewell luncheon yesterday to the German Ambassador and Madame Stamer, who are leaving London this week. The Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet and their ladies were present, and the other guests included Lord D'Abernon and Lady D'Abernon, Sir Austin Chamberlain, Lady Chamberlain and Sir Horace and Lady Rum-bold.

Mr. Henderson said they were bidding farewell to an Ambassador who, in the course of his tenure of no less than ten years of his post, had succeeded in establishing many firm and lasting friendships. He recalled the difficult circumstances in which Dr. Stamer had first assumed his duties, and said he and Madame Stamer would carry with them in their retirement the good wishes of all who had come into contact with them during their official mission to London.

Dr. Stamer, replying amid plaudits, said he regretted that the pleasant personal and official relations established in London were coming to an end. He was fully conscious of the fact that his mission to London had attained the object for which it was undertaken. His Government had entrusted to him the work of trying to tide over the atmosphere which the war had created, and he was very glad to be able to say to-day that his efforts in this respect had not been unsuccessful. A friendly atmosphere had been created, and he was looking hopefully into the future.

To his mind, the best way and the most effective means for securing lasting peace had been the policy of patience and conciliation which would for ever be connected with the name of Dr. Stresemann's policy, which had led to the Hague Conference and to the first step in pacification of the world by freeing Germany from foreign occupation and control. He added that Great Britain might be assured that this policy would be continued unaltered by the German Government, and would contribute to the bringing about, step by step, of the pacification of Europe and would help, at the same time, still further to improve the relations between other nations.—*British Wireless.*

THE LEAGUE GRAVELY CONCERNED.

SUPPRESSION OF TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS.

Geneva, Sept. 29.

The Fifth Committee of the League of Nations has concluded its labours. It has passed a resolution that it is gravely concerned with the enormous illicit traffic in narcotics, and instructing the Secretary General of the League to write to all the Governments who are members as well as those who are non-members of the League, to complete their measures for the suppression of such traffic.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI'S WALKING CONTEST.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DECEMBER.

Shanghai, Sept. 30.

The annual International walking match will be held this year on December 7.

Mr. Tom McKenna was elected President, and Brigadier General MacNaghten vice-president, in connexion with the arrangements for the event, at a meeting held last evening at the Rubicon.

The route is to be over a distance of 17 miles.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Au Fong-pu, and other presents besides an annual pension of \$10 from the Municipality.

The rest of the old folks received presents, but no pensions, in accordance to the marks obtained by them.—*Canton News Agency.*

THE EMPIRE'S AFFAIRS.

OUTLINE OF ITEMS FOR DEBATE.

MR. J. H. THOMAS ON THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

London, Sept. 29.

The main issues before the Imperial Conference, which opens on Wednesday in the Reception Room of the Foreign Office, were discussed to-day in an interview by the Dominions Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas, who is one of the United Kingdom delegates.

At the outset he emphasised it was a family gathering. While it was true each Colony had its separate interests, all were working together in the common interest and in pursuit of common ideals. The delegates, therefore, came into the conference to exchange views, to consult together, and to try to work out together, to mutual advantage, solutions of various problems confronting them.

In the field of inter-imperial relations, the broad principle of constitutional status has already been settled. The Imperial Conference of 1926 set out the definition of the position and mutual relation of the group of self-governing communities composed of Great Britain and the Dominions in terms which are well known. The report of that conference also made it plain how vital was the principle of co-operation if the British Empire was to believe its positive ideal, and it further placed on record that there were certain points arising out of the present legal position which appeared to require further detailed consideration.

Out-of-Date Restrictions.

He recommended that a special body be set up to consider these questions. Accordingly, last autumn a special Conference for consideration of Dominion legislation and Merchant Shipping legislation was held. Briefly, the object of the recommendations of that special conference is to recover certain restrictions which exist, or appear to exist, on the legislative powers of the Dominion Parliaments, on the ground that such restrictions are now constitutionally out of date.

The present terms of their recommendations will form one of the main issues for consideration at the forthcoming conference.

He felt in some regards that the presence of these legal forms afford an obstacle to true constitutional development, and that, in order to secure free and full co-operation between equal partners in British Commonwealth, it is desirable first of all to make it quite clear that all Dominions are in form as well as in fact in no way subordinate to this country.

Defence Considerations.

The next broad division of the agenda covers questions connected with foreign policy and defence. Under this heading the conference will no doubt consider what further advance can be made in the international field towards securing the general peace of the world. This is our prime object, to which the efforts of the present Government have been directed since they took office, but means of developing the use of arbitration instead of war, as instanced by the adherence to the optional clause and by the approach to disarmament, as instanced in the negotiations of the London Naval Treaty of this year.

Naturally, in this great question it is of vital importance, in the interests of the British Commonwealth of nations, that separate members should move forward as they have so far moved forward, hand in hand, and moreover, the influence which such joint action on their part can exert greatly exceeds the influence which can be exerted by any one of them acting alone. The Conference no doubt, therefore, will find one of its chief tasks is discussing the next steps to be taken in the cause of security and disarmament.

Economic Questions.

To turn now to the economic Conference, it is not a conference to which we go with a Parliamentary policy to be pursued at all cost.

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**APPEAL AGAINST
DECISION.**

RECENT FINE IN MUL-TSAI
CASE CONFIRMED.

A case recently decided under
the Anti-Mul-Tsai Ordinance was
re-heard at the Central Magistracy
before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, yes-
terday afternoon.

The defendant, Au Yeung Hon-
king, of 562, Nathan Road, Kow-
loon, was originally charged with
taking part on or about April 13,
1930 in a transaction, the object
of which was to transfer the
custody or control of a minor under
the age of 18 years for a valuable
consideration (\$100).

The woman was convicted and
fined \$500, with the alternative of
three months' imprisonment, while
another woman, who was formerly
in the defendant's employ as a
domestic servant, was fined \$50 or
one month's imprisonment.

Mr. M. K. Lo remarked that his
Worship had intimated he intend-
ed to hear the case *de novo* but
to shorten the proceedings he (Mr.
Lo) suggested that both sides
should accept the depositions as
they stood, with the right of Mr.
Barrow to recall witnesses for the
prosecution to put any questions he
wished to them.

His Worship replied that he
had thought it possible Mr. Lo
would want to cross-examine the
witnesses.

Mr. Lo remarked that his case
was that there would be only a
violent conflict of evidence between
one of the witnesses for the pro-
secution and his own client. He
did not suppose he could get much
out of her in cross-examination.
He was not pressing for the case
to be heard *de novo*. If Mr. Barrow
was satisfied with the prosecution,
he (Mr. Lo) was satisfied, but he
understood that Mr. Barrow wanted
to recall one of the witnesses and
put further questions to her.

In reply to his Worship, Mr.
Barrow indicated that he was also
calling another witness.

The Girl Redeemed.

When the case was commenced,
Mr. Barrow called the original
second defendant in the case. The
witness said that she had been
formerly employed by the first de-
fendant. She knew the girl who
was now the subject of the sym-
mons.

Mr. Barrow: What interest had
you in her?

Witness: She requested me to
redeem her.

What did she mean by that?

Witness: I was the defend-
ant's *mui tsai*.

Now, did she come and ask you
to redeem her?—I knew her and
frequently went there (to her
house).

Why do you suppose she asked
you to redeem her?—She wanted
her liberty restored to her.

What was the occasion of her
asking you to redeem her?—Her
mistress expressed her intention of
selling her to a brothel.

What happened when the girl
asked you to redeem her? Did you
redeem her?—I did.

Tell the Court the manner of the
redemption?—I lent her \$100 to
enable her to redeem herself.

What induced you to be so
generous as to pay this \$100?—I
am a sworn spinster.

His Worship: What is that?

Mr. Barrow: A spinster who
swears not to marry.

Witness: She repeatedly asked
me to redeem her.

You had no idea to help, your-
self, in any way?—No.

You considered that that 100
was lost to you for ever, did you?—
She promised to repay me from
the earnings that she might get
from her employment.

So that there was actually to be
no loss at all?—Yes, if she had re-
paid me I would not suffer any loss,
but she has not repaid me yet.

So it was just kindness of heart
coupled with the fact that you
would not lose by it?

Mr. Lo: I think the witness has
answered that more than once.
She has said "Yes." I am going to
cross-examine her on that point.

Lad from the Country.

Continuing, witness said that
her brother came to the Colony from

the country to borrow some money
from her and for no other reason.
He had visited, together with wit-
ness, a servant employed at the de-
fendant's house. The defendant
had discovered them in the ser-
vant's quarters and asked who the
man was, and witness had told her.
There was no conversation between
the brother and the defendant.
Neither she nor her brother had
stayed at the defendant's house.

Mr. Lo: Do you say that you
never stayed in the defendant's
house?—Not during my brother's
stay here, but after he had left I
did spend some time with her.

Is it true that about five years
ago when you first went to the de-
fendant's house, you were then un-
employed?—That's so.

You stayed in the defendant's
house because you were a sworn
spinster of Ngau Kwan (defendant's
servant)?—Yes.

And you knew that Ngau Kwan
was an old servant of the de-
fendant's; that she had been there for
some years?—Four or five years.

Can you tell me why you were
out of employment?—Being an em-
ployee I have to leave if my master
or mistress does not like me.

About that time had you got into
trouble with the Police?—No.

Were you ever in prison about
that time?—No. The court may be
pleased to have enquiries made.

I am speaking on instructions
and as a result of enquiries. I just
asked you that. I don't want any
quibbling. Were you ever in pri-
son?—No.

Now I put it to you that at that
time your brother stayed one week
with the defendant?—That's not
true.

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support. For whose mutual advantage
and mutual support?—After she had
redeemed herself we might be able
to assist one another.

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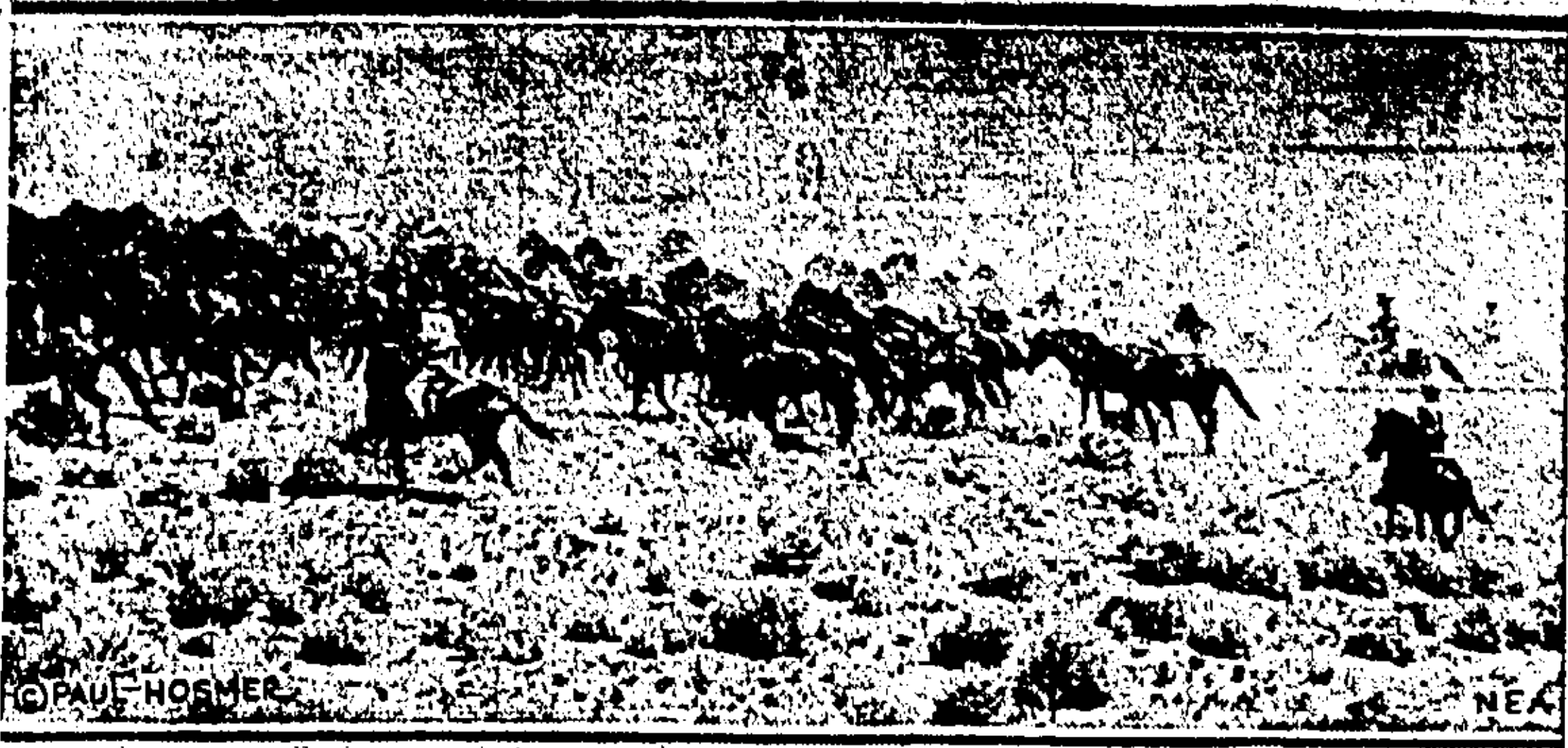
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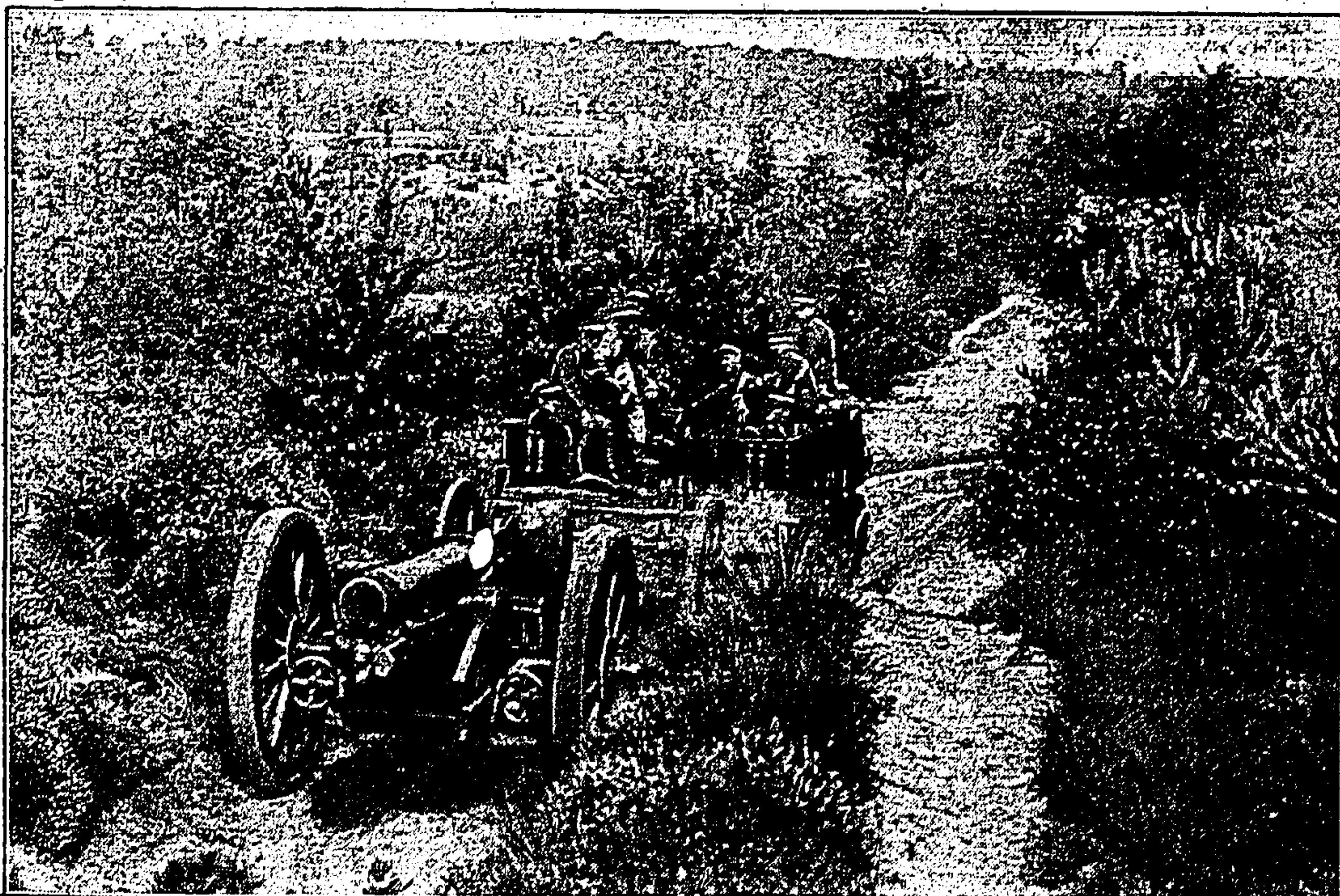
The last big wild horse roundup, in which more than 500 were moved from the Oregon-Nevada line to Bend Ore, across the Central Oregon desert. Photo shows the drive progressing across the desert.



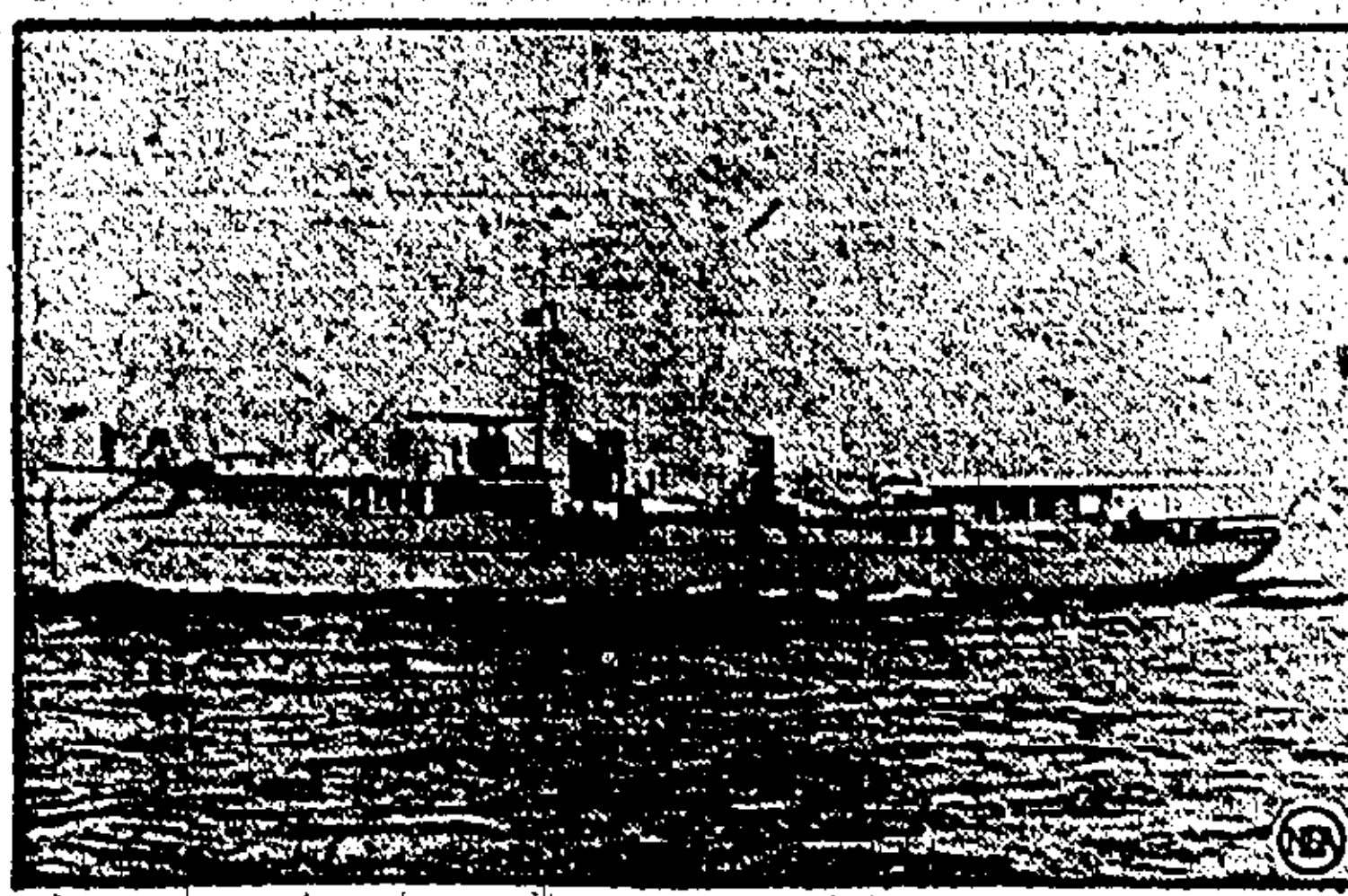
Recent British army manoeuvres. Our picture shows one of the large tanks of the Northland forces well camouflaged in woodland scenery. (Times copyright).



Another picture illustrating "two-man tanks" on the move. (Times copyright).



War in "Militaria," between Guildford and Aldershot on the south and Ascot on the north. Our picture shows one of the mechanized artillery units. (Times copyright).



Private and government boats and aircraft were pressed into search for Mr. Van Lear Black, right, wealthy Baltimore publisher and aviation enthusiast, who mysteriously disappeared from his yacht Sabale, pictured above, off the Jersey coast. He was last seen sitting on the railing of the boat and it was believed that he fell overboard in a heavy swell. Mr. Black had flown more than 125,000 miles in all parts of the world as a passenger in his own and other planes, and paid a visit to Hongkong.



Only its tail visible above the roof-top, this plane, piloted by a student flyer, crashed into the Central High School building at Harrisburg, Pa., in full view of 50,000 persons gathered for ceremonies dedicating a bridge. Pilot Bernard Woutersz and his passenger, Morris Bowman of New Holland, Pa., were removed critically injured from the wreckage.



On a pilgrimage to the Cemetery of Duc Corners, at Loos, France, Mr. Rudyard Kipling is shown here as he searched among the tombs for the grave of his son, an officer in the Irish Guards who was killed in action during the World War. A monument to British war dead was dedicated on the day of the famous English author's visit.

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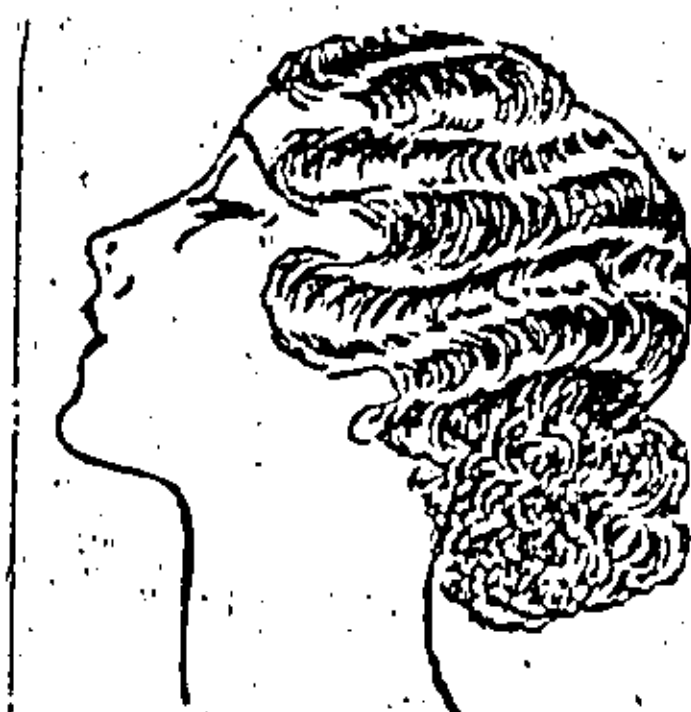
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CINEMA NOTES.

MARY NOLAN'S TALENT IN "YOUNG DESIRE."

Mary Nolan finds an ideal vehicle for her exotic beauty and remarkable dramatic talents in "Young Desire," Universal's colourful romantic drama, which opens at the Queen's Theatre today.

The primary function of motion pictures is to present characters so real and human that the audience is vitally interested in their fates. In addition to its other virtues, "Young Desire" scores pre-eminently on this basis. "Young Desire" is a poignant romantic drama of an extremely colourful aspect. Much of its action is laid in the bizarre atmosphere of a carnival. It has a dramatic story to tell, and it drives straight ahead to a tremendously powerful conclusion, always increasing in interest and suspense as it proceeds.

The picture tells the story of a young and beautiful girl who is a carnival dancer. She has never known the security of a home, or the peace of an ordered society. Weary of her tiresome existence, sick of the domination of the boss of the dancing girls, who is in love with her, she decides to make an effort to better her condition, to "beat the carnival game." She wins the love of a native youth, a member of a prominent family in a little community where the old ideas of morality prevail. With happiness within her reach, her past rises to darken her future. In scenes tense with drama she rises to superb heights to meet the situation.

Mary Nolan gives a remarkable performance, certain to fortify her position as one of the great dramatic actresses of the screen. Her exotic beauty and her exceptional

talents would stamp "Young Desire" as a film far above the ordinary.

"The Mighty" a Thriller.

George Bancroft in "The Mighty," at the Central Theatre, this week is a real thriller. Things we had expected to wait years to see and hear have been bundled into this picture. The cast is a real thrill: just read these names—George Bancroft, Esther Ralston, Warner Oland, Raymond Hatton, O. P. Heggie, Dorothy Revier and Morgan Earley.

The story is that of a pre-war gunman who smiled at the law, was forced into the war and emerged a national hero without a past. He is made police chief of a crime-ridden city, but his old gang find him and they plan a grand raid, with his aid. Growing tired of waiting they hold up three banks while Bancroft and the police force are at a picnic. Off goes deep-chested George at the head of fifty motor-cycle officers, riding at break neck speed firing as fast as their automatics will shoot! From thence on the action is so swift that we are told six cameras were required to catch it, and you won't doubt this statement in the least when you see and hear "The Mighty" at the Central Theatre.

John Gilbert in Tolstoi Play.

John Gilbert will make his second all-talking appearance on Friday at the Queen's Theatre in "Redemption," an adaptation of Leo Tolstoi's noted drama, "The Living Corpse."

Gilbert appears in two past productions adapted from the works of the famous Russian novelist and playwright, namely, "Love," with Greta Garbo and "The Cossacks," with Renee Adoree, is said to have influenced Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in choosing "Redemption" as his next starring

MOTOR OFFENCES.

EUROPEANS SUMMONED AT KOWLOON.

Mr. L. W. Tipples, of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company, was summoned before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, for having driven an unlicensed car, No. 422, along Canton Road, on September 8.

The defendant admitted the offence, and was fined \$10.

Mr. W. Harper, of No. 6, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, was summoned for having used an unlicensed lorry.

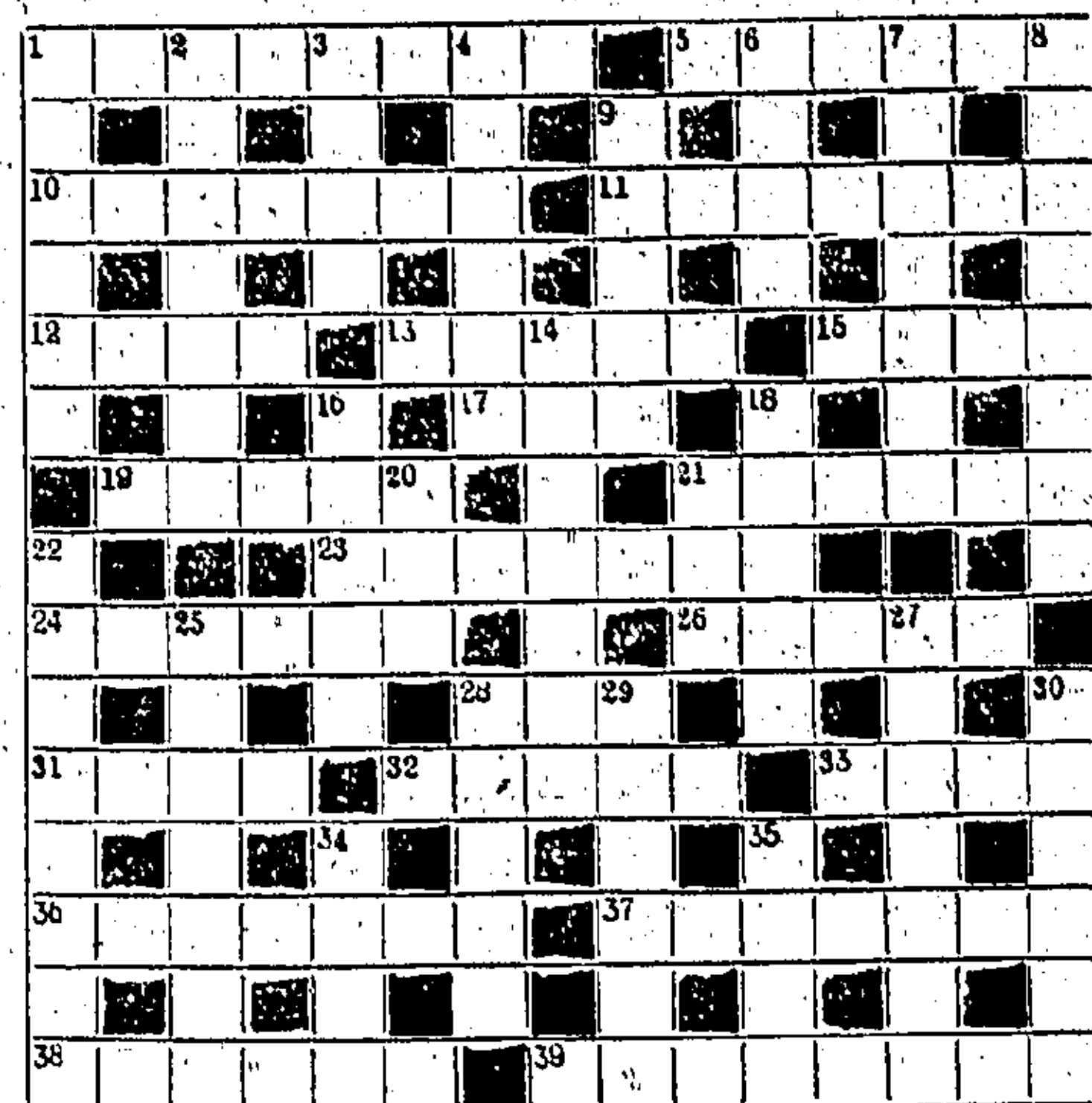
Mr. P. M. Hodgson, appearing on behalf of the defendant, tendered a plea of "guilty," and said that it was really a misunderstanding on the part of the defendant, who, in a hurry, despatched a six-wheeled lorry to the wharf to take delivery of some cases containing new motor cars. The number plate of another licensed lorry was used, instead of the demonstration number.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

Furthermore the play had already received distinction in being the vehicle for both John Barrymore and the celebrated German actor Alexander Moissi, when it was produced on the New York stage first by Arthur Hopkins and later by Morris Gest.

"Redemption" is a far cry from the ordinary run of cinema products in being the psychological study of a man who is driven to a desperate act in choosing between loyalty to his wife and the call of hereditary gypsy blood. Information is that the producers maintained an artistic standard in not stooping to tack a sugar-coated happy ending onto a story permeated with a tragic motive.

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Across

- 1 "Get riser" (anag.).
- 5 Although this gentleman's head is superfluous, he is in the dark when he loses it.
- 10 A staunch party man.
- 11 Regain or reform.
- 12 This implement returns as booty.
- 13 Try, and you have this clue.
- 15 A descendant of Mahomet arises from the mud.
- 17 Add up both ways.
- 19 Come forth.
- 21 Here fixed locks centre on the sailor.
- 23 Were it not for rain this racing specialist could not exist.
- 24 I am in the place for fish.
- 26 Nice perception is merely an arrangement of state.
- 28 Spare or spirit.
- 31 This may be "animal" or "mineral."
- 32 Free beer and baccy for everybody, will be the next stunt, I expect (hidden).
- 33 So be it.
- 36 When this window loses its head it is simply blackmail.
- 37 This is easily broken.
- 38 A seaman's jacket.
- 39 "Assure me" (anag.).

Down

- 1 Describe, with a tardy ending.
- 2 Convex, like the moon when nearly full.
- 3 It is certain, a trick is at the root of it.
- 4 Enrol as it stands; but transpose the syllables and it will hearken.
- 6 Pleasant, or fastidious.
- 7 An elementary work.
- 8 You will take a risk in finding this Mediterranean shrub.

- 9 Negotiate or entertain.
- 14 To ask earnestly, is thus lawful.
- 16 He is willing to sell the hut cheaply as he is now going to live in town (hidden).
- 18 Not to be worth a this is to be worth nothing.
- 20 Before going down—or coming up.
- 21 On this is a violent attack.
- 22 The yarns that the modern one spins would darn no socks.
- 25 "At a mine" (anag.).
- 27 Satan, the great —.
- 28 This dwarf might be shorter by a head and sound as tall.
- 29 Mice do this.
- 30 Jibes.
- 34 Is a French article—surrounded by water.
- 35 This book is so interesting that I'll finish it before going to bed (hidden).

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Mr. A. C. Gomes and Mr. L. L. Lopes and family tender sincere thanks to their relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss H. Korte and Mr. C. C. Hickling invite their friends to their wedding at Union Church, Kennedy Road, on October 1st, at 3 p.m., and afterwards in the Church Hall.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30, 1930.

SPANISH UNREST.

It is very evident that affairs in Spain are at the moment far from composed. The forces of Republicanism have again raised their head, but, happily, nothing more serious than an outburst of moderate oratory has so far occurred. None the less, when a former Minister openly declares that the King must abdicate, it is apparent that the anti-Monarchist movement is gathering in strength and confidence. In this connexion, it is worth recalling that shortly after the resignation of Primo de Rivera, amongst the laws which were amended was one making it illegal to attack the Monarchy in the person of the King. It is this circumstance which is now raising queries as to how some of the Republican orators in the latest demonstration are likely to fare. Inasmuch, however, as no steps appear to have been taken to prevent this Republican display in the capital, we shall be surprised if further impetus is given to the movement by taking action against any of the spokesmen. For the time being, the wiser policy would appear to be to permit these revolutionaries, within limits, to let off oratorical steam to their hearts' content.

Although this Madrid demonstration was the first open expression of collective Republican opinion for almost a decade, we have only to recall that in February last the establishment of the Republic was openly discussed in Madrid, but events showed that the malcontents were not sufficiently well organised to effect anything in the nature of a coup. It was noteworthy, however, that Signor Maura, the son of the well-known Conservative ex-Premier, went the length of declaring that if anyone of position raised the Republican banner, he would join

in the movement, whilst Signor Sanchez-Guerra, the former Conservative leader, declared that the King had lost the confidence of the people, and that if the people wanted a Republic, they had a right to have it. These outbursts occurred at a time when the alleged abuses and maladministration of the Dictatorship were much to the fore. Subsequently, very largely as a result of the King's definite stand on many matters, the situation materially improved. His Majesty dissolved the National Assembly (de Rivera's puppet Parliament), revised the Municipal Councils, and restored promotion in the Army on seniority instead of merit. There have, however, been intermittent signs of unrest and dissatisfaction since then, until it has become clear that a very large element desires a Republican form of government, evidently in the hope or belief that it may at least provide some check on abuses which exist under the present regime.

There need be no surprise that this Republican spirit should manifest itself in Spain, for it has become the fashion in post-war days for Continental countries to discard the monarchical form of government. It still remains to be proved, however, that matters would be materially improved by the overthrow of the Monarchy. Our own view is that the defects which are bemoaned are not inherent in Monarchism. Republicanism elsewhere has most decidedly not caused the disappearance of graft and corruption. At the same time, it would be idle to deny that the Spaniards, or a very large element of them, are itching for a change, although the position of King Alfonso is strong on account of the support accorded him by a large part of the Army and the Church, to say nothing of the Conservative politicians. The situation is full of possibilities, but at the moment it would seem premature to expect any sensational changes.

Not Wet, But Merely Damp.

The recent references to further activity by the "Wets" in the United States are capped by the final ruling (upholding a long-standing practice) that home brewing of wines and beer is not illegal. In giving this decision the American Prohibition Commissioner has merely accepted, with whatever grace was possible, a widespread understanding. One recalls advertisements in certain United States publications, some time ago, describing home-brewing outfits. Apparently these were for mild forms of decoctions, such as cider, which were not necessarily intoxicating. The border line between such brews and the stronger stuff, however, could hardly be drawn strictly, and the eventual product had to be left largely to the preference of the amateur distiller. The apple juice and grape juice of the Californian and Floridian growers has several times been under suspicion, as very little manipulation was required to convert it into something with a decided "kick." In recognising the manufacture, for home fireside consumption, of wines and beer, the U.S. prohibition authorities have gone further, and many will think that they have gone the whole limit. There is nothing now to prevent anyone who sets up a still from manufacturing enough "liquor" to keep himself, family and friends in alcoholic drinks to repletion; and parties where all can get gloriously intoxicated, provided none of the stuff is actually sold, are now unassailable by the powers of prohibition. What a spectacle of the Eighteenth Amendment! Liberty at home; but defeat of the original intention. The outside observer of the American problem may surely be excused for thinking that it is time the farce of enforcement, so-called, were done away with, unless there is a real intention to abolish alcoholic drinking. It is already notorious that "booze" is to be had in the United States, after certain obstacles have been sur-

DAY BY DAY

A FLATTERER IS LIKE A BOA-CONSTRUCTOR, WHICH LICKS A MAN ALL OVER, AND THEN SWALLOWS HIM.—Rev. P. M. Kenzie.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on the 4th September arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 24th September, having been 20 days in transit.

Arriving here from Singapore early this morning, the master of the Dutch vessel Cremer reported to the Harbour Office that, during the voyage, a dead body was found in one of the holds. No explanation was given in the report.

A slight collision between two launches occurred yesterday afternoon near the Yuen Fat Wharf, on the Praya, but little damage was done to either vessel. A cargo junk, which was being towed by one of the launches, also received slight damage.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Frederick Stanley Winfield Smith, No. 26, Ashley Road, Kowloon, to Miss Elsie Naomi Earl, No. 72, Marsala Road, Lewisham, London who is travelling to Hongkong on board the s.s. Terukuni Maru.

Four Chinese were charged before Mr. Butters at Kowloon this morning with having stowed away on the s.s. Cremer, which arrived in Hongkong from Singapore. They all pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment each.

S. Harmachi, of 511, Nathan Road, was charged before Mr. Butters at Kowloon this morning with having behaved in a disorderly manner while drunk in the Yee Fong Restaurant in 136, Temple Street. The defendant was absent and his bail of \$10 was estreated.

There was no competitive bidding at the property sale held at the Land Office yesterday afternoon, when Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1406, consisting of 15,000 square feet, at Lai Chi Kok, New Territories, was knocked down at the upset price of \$4,500, to Messrs. Yam Wai and Yam Hung, of No. 185 Tai Nam Street.

mounted, without any undue difficulty. It is not always poison, nor is the stuff necessarily retailed at a prohibitive price. The conclusion one is driven to is that prohibition is steadily losing ground. The "Wets" may yet gain the day, and at least legalise what is now going on, nominally against the law of the land.

The Silly Things That We Say.

COMPLAINTS have recently been made of the meaningless words and phrases with which most of us pepper our conversation. Ordinary conversation is so full of superfluous "of course's" and "I mean to say's" and similar expressions that, if a gramophone record were made of an ordinary man's talk, he would be unable to listen to it without incredulity. What I mean to say is, if you follow me, he would be surprised to find that he talked like that. He would think it silly, you know, writes Robert Lynd in the *News Chronicle*.

The habit of using these inane expressions, according to a correspondent of the *Times*, seems to have spread, and to have been adopted by people who surely ought to know better, and he laments this the more because he finds it "always irritating and sometimes actually misleading." It is difficult to see how anyone could actually be misled by a man's beginning a sentence: "Of course, what I say is—"; but it is easy enough to see that a lover of precise and economic speech might be irritated by it. At the same time, if we are going to be irritated by mannerisms of speech, we had better retire at once to a cave and live in solitude.

It is not everyone who can talk with the consistent dignity of Jeeves or Dr. Johnson. We are as unfitted for it as for making speeches on the platform. We should not be able to carry on a conversation at all if we were not allowed to eke out the more or less intelligent part of it with the equivalent of the "ers" and the "ums" and the "haws" of the bad orator. I know a Scotsman who cannot tell the simplest story without interjecting "D'ye see?" at every tenth word. He will begin: "I was walking quietly along the Strand, d'ye see? and had stopped to light my pipe, d'ye see? at the corner of Bedford-street, when I heard a fearful yell, d'ye see?" And there are Englishmen of as charming a disposition who end almost every sentence with an abrupt "what?"

Tricks of Oratory.

These mannerisms, it seems to me, are not quite as meaningless as they look. They produce the same dramatic effect as the underlining of words in a letter or as notes of exclamation. This may not be the perfect method of bringing out one's points in conversation, but without such aid many a man would remain dumb, and a man has no more right to remain dumb than a bird at mid-summer.

The first rule in conversation is to keep the ball rolling, and this is made easier if there are a number of meaningless expressions

which enable one to begin a sentence with confidence, to go on with it with confidence and to bring it to an end with confidence. Hence the enormous popularity of "Of course" at the beginning of a sentence, of "Do you see?" or "You know?" in the middle, and of "What?" at the end.

I met a married man and his wife in a hotel lately who were able to go on talking for hours as a result of their expertness in the use of unnecessary words. He would say, speaking of another hotel at which they had stayed: "Course, the food was really first-rate." She would say, clicking her knitting-needles: "Yes, it was, wasn't it?" "I mean to say," he would go on, "it was different to an ordinary hotel—a bit French, if you know what I mean." Course, the food here's pretty good, too. "Yes," she would assent, "it is, isn't it?"

"I Mean to Say."

This might have irritated the *Times* correspondent after a time, but I confess I was entranced. Those noble masculine "Courses" and "I mean to say's" seemed to me to be wind in the sails of conversation, and never did the husband need to draw breath but his place was valiantly taken by the "it was, wasn't it?" or "He had, hadn't he?" of his wife. It was the only kind of remark she ever made, and yet she was one of the most fluent and entertaining conversationalists I have ever known.

The use of meaningless expressions, I imagine, is largely the result of modesty. You and I shyly shrink, if you see what I mean, from talking like Dr. Johnson; we should regard it as, if you will follow me, "swank."

There is nothing, indeed, that the ordinary man fears more than eloquence, especially in England. He thinks that it sounds insincere. Hence, in moments of emotional embarrassment, he takes refuge in a series of meaningless expressions, like Michael, in the opening scene of Mr. A. A. Milne's "Michael and Mary," when Michael, having an appointment on a certain bench in the British Museum, and finding the unknown Mary weeping on it, addresses her:

A Museum "Conversation."
"Michael (raising his hat with the slightest possible movement): I say, do you mind if I sit down? I mean right at this end of course. I mean I'm not trying—Fact is, I'm meeting somebody else. (Mary begins to get up, as if she would leave him and the somebody else alone together.) No please, I don't mean that. I (Continued on Page 7.)



Miss Urban—"Now I know why they're called 'mix'. They are such terrible gluttons."

THE BOOKSHELF.

MRS. SOUTHERN'S "CHIPS OF CHINA."

"Chips of China" is the title which Mrs. W. T. Southern (writing under the pen-name of Bella Sidney Woolf) gives to a score of little sketches of Far Eastern life just published by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., of Shanghai, at \$3.50. Enclosed in orange covers with an inset silhouette of The Peak, the little book is most artistically produced.

The authoress shows herself to be a writer with the knack of telling a good story and of painting a charming word picture of many of the commonplaces of life. In some of her impressions of Chinese life, she reveals herself as an intelligent observer, with a ready understanding of things beneath the surface. The stories too, reflect a keen appreciation of the humorous side of life.

Some of the "impressions" are better than others, but, in spite of blemishes here and there, even the most sophisticated reader, for whom the charm and wonder of the East no longer exist, will find enjoyment in perusing the pages of this little book and, maybe, will appreciate anew some aspects of life which have receded into the sphere of things taken for granted.

New Fiction.

There is, at the moment, a plethora of war books, but this fact notwithstanding, we can commend to our readers "The Meteor Road," by Vernon Thomas, appearing in Messrs. Ward, Lock and Company's Colonial Library Series (5s. net). It is the story of an Australian officer, of mixed French and German parentage, who is in the British Secret Service during the Great War. He penetrates the enemy lines disguised as his cousin, an officer in the German Guards, but almost immediately is wounded and wakes up in hospital to find his cousin's fiancée taking him for her betrothed, and his uncle and aunt for their son. But do they really? The story will tell: suffice it to say that the theme is well developed and that the climax not quite what one would expect. Admittedly, the imagination is freely drawn upon for the sake of a good story, but the book is one which compels attention and interest to the very end. There is tragedy, humour and romance. Above all, the writer has undoubted talents, and we shall look out eagerly for more of his work.

Paul Trent, whose output seems to have no limits, is represented in the latest of Ward, Lock's Colonial Library Series by "Her Wild Oats." The theme is not a new one—a conflict between love and duty, in which a girl falls in love with the son of the man who ruined her father while yet her desire for revenge is by no means unappeased. The author, with his accustomed skill as a plot-maker, has produced a novel which should make quite a wide appeal.

"Sunlight Beyond," by Elsie A. Rowlands (Ward, Lock and Co.), deals with a girl who discovers that she is rightful heir to an estate of which her dead uncle had deprived her. A struggle ensues between her and her uncle's widow, and as the story is unfolded there is much that is dramatic and exciting. While we cannot imagine such a character as the heroine, in everyday life, this novel will be found of interest to those who take little account of such considerations. We are left with the impression that Miss Rowlands has done her best with rather indifferent material.

Contract Bridge.

A.A. Manning-Foster, the well-known bridge expert, is the author of "Baby Contract Bridge," an informative little booklet published at one shilling by Messrs. John Waddington, Ltd., London and Leeds. It is assumed by the author that the reader knows Auction bridge and wants to learn Contract or improve his play at Contract. The idea of this little book is to assist the player and at the same time provide an easy and quick handbook for reference. Apart from some useful advice to players to whom Contract is new, there is a wealth of information in regard to correct bidding and making the very most of one's hand, to say nothing of the detailed explanation of Contract terms. The book is obviously of greatest value to the advanced player, but those who have only just seriously taken up Contract will also find Mr. Manning-Foster's hints invaluable.

"The Round Table."

The September number of "The Round Table," a five-shilling quarterly review of the politics of the British Commonwealth, conducted in a strictly non-party spirit, teems with contributions of a topical and informative character. The nature and history of the crisis in India are explained, and the difference shown between the British and the Indian standpoints—those of the best British and the best Indian minds. The writer considers the gulf to be narrower than it is usually supposed to be, though he is sure that there is only one way in which a bridge can be found.

Another article is "The Task of the Imperial Conference," a task

RETIRED MERCHANT'S ESTATE.

LEAVES OVER \$84,000 IN HONGKONG.

Estate of \$84,700 was left in Hongkong by Cheng Sai Chuen, retired merchant, late of 135, Queen's Road East. He was formerly engaged in money exchange business and died on May 4, 1930, at the age of 81 years.

Probate of the will has been granted to Cheng Yuk Pui, alias Chak Kwan, merchant, and Cheng Wing Kwal, one of testator's sons, who are the executors and trustees, also guardians of the infant children.

Testator directs that not later than six months after his death the sum of \$2,000 is to be paid to his concubine, Cheung Haug Heung, for her own use and benefit absolutely, and to pay to her as long as she shall remain chaste and not re-marry until the distribution of the residuary trust estate an annuity of \$600.

A sum of \$1,000 is to be provided for Cheng Ah So, the daughter, upon her marriage as her dowry, and \$1,500 as wedding expenses for each of the three young sons, subject to their marrying according to Chinese custom and with the consent of the trustees and concubine (if she be living at the time).

The residuary trust estate is to be divided among the children after the youngest grandson living at time of testator's death shall attain the age of 21 years, or if he shall die before that time, then 30 years after testator's death.

THE SILLY THINGS THAT WE SAY.

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mean as soon as she comes we're clearing off. I say, do sit down. Dashed it, it isn't my Museum. I mean—please! (She sits down again.) I say, thanks awfully. And then if I sit at this end, and we pretend that there are six very fat people in between us—I mean I'll turn my back on you and chew my gloves or something—and you won't know I'm here. (He sits down.) I do get so tired of standing on one leg, waiting for people. (He chews his gloves.) There, that's all right, isn't it?

It is like a series of semi-inarticulate noises, rather than the speech of a countryman of Dr. Johnson. If Dr. Johnson had found himself in the same predicament, we cannot imagine his using such expressions as "I mean," "thanks awfully," "or something," any more than we can imagine his bidding Boswell "Cheerio" or "Tootleloo."

Is it that the Englishman has become more inarticulate since Dr. Johnson's day? And will he go on growing more and more inarticulate during succeeding centuries till—well, I mean to say, till, instead of using intelligible speech, he simply makes queer sounds in his throat, if you see what I mean. Course, if he does, it will be a great pity, and so forth, and all that sort of rot. Still, it seems to me to be perfectly possible. It is, isn't it?

left over from the 1926 gathering, and now brought back to the Imperial Conference again from the Committee to which it was referred, the Dominion's Legislation Committee, with definite recommendations. What degree of significance should be attached to this is explained. The writer reminds us that the problem now is not to look back, trying to save something here and there from what is left of Great Britain's old supremacy, but to construct something better in its place.

Of special interest is the article "Imperial Economic Unity." Lord Beaverbrook's scheme for Empire Free Trade is subjected to a searching criticism, and the causes of the world-wide depression are discussed. In the writer's view, there are other ways in which the peoples of the British Empire can endeavour to help one another with less risk of disappointment.

"England from Without" gives us a picture of ourselves as others see us. We get foreign impressions of our moral, social and political life, and the American, it seems, differ from the Continental. The view, apparently common enough, that we are on the downward grade, is discussed. Fortunately there are, as the writer points out, some consoling features.

"China in 1930" is obviously the work of a well-informed writer. In spite of everything, the writer still sees the best hope of the future in the Nanking Government, though the Diplomatic Body still clings to its Peking quarter.

PIG-KILLERS IN QUARREL.

ONE CONVICTED OF WOUNDING ANOTHER.

STABBING AFFAIR.

A quarrel over a lost scraper which led to one man being set upon by three others and stabbed severely was the subject of a charge of grievously and maliciously wounding the complainant, Cheung Hong, a pig-killer, preferred against another pig-killer, Wong Wai, before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. The other two men absconded after the fight. The assault took place about 12.45 a.m. on September 27th, at the Ma Tau Kok slaughter house.

The complainant, Cheung Hong, said that on the morning in question one of the scrapers belonging to the Leung Kee shop was missing. A foki of another shop had taken this scraper away by mistake. Wong Sang, a foki of the Leung Kee shop, accused witness of stealing the scraper. Witness denied the theft and an argument arose in which abusive language was used. Wong Sang then struck witness with a scraper on the right forearm. Seung Kit, a foki of Wong Sang, then picked up another scraper and struck witness on the chest. The defendant, Wong Wai, who is employed in another shop, was also there, and shouting out that it was scandalous and that witness should be given a beating, pulled out a knife and stabbed witness in the back. The foreman was sent for and witness had his arm dressed. He then reported the matter to the Hung Hom Police Station.

The defendant denied stabbing the complainant. He said that the complainant was unconscious at the time and did not see who struck him. The defendant also denied having quarrelled about the lost scraper and said that it was Wong Sang who had quarrelled. Defendant had only tried to separate the two men.

Another Chinese butcher, giving evidence for the prosecution, said he was outside the slaughter house at Ma Tau Kok when he heard a commotion inside. He went in and saw the defendant holding up his hand, in which was a knife. The complainant was lying on the ground bleeding. Seung Kit and Wong Sang were also there, each with a scraper in his hand.

Defendant's Story.

The defendant said he was not holding anything in his hand. He was employed at the Leung Kee store at Yau-mat. He was working in the slaughter house when he saw the complainant and Wong Sang fighting. The complainant was a friend of his and Wong Sang was a clansman. Witness tried to separate the two men. Witness did not brandish a knife, nor did he strike the complainant. Wong Sang and Cheung Kit both struck the complainant with a scraper.

Wong Kee, a foki of the defendant, said that Wong Sang had complained of having lost his scraper and was looking for it in the slaughter house. Eventually he found the scraper in complainant's basket. Addressing complainant, Wong Sang said: "You scoundrel, you are always stealing and I have now caught you stealing my scraper." The complainant asked who stole the scraper and Wong Sang replied that if he knew who stole the scraper he would chop him to death. After saying that, Wong Sang returned to his work. The complainant followed him and caught him by the arm, but Wong Sang broke away. The complainant tried to hit Wong Sang on the chest, but he warded off the blow with a scraper which inflicted the cut on the complainant's hand. Wong Sang then struck the complainant with the scraper on the chest. The complainant went to a corner and fell down and Wong Sang struck him again on the back. The defendant was not there but was working. The complainant was not unconscious. Seung Kit was also working at the time.

The complainant said witness was outside the house and did not see the fight. Mr. Butters convicted the defendant and sentenced him to three weeks' imprisonment and also bound him over in a bond of \$100 to keep the peace for one year.

DEATH OF FAMOUS U.S. GENERAL.

COMMANDED DIVISION IN FRANCE.

San Francisco, Sept. 29. The death is announced of Major General William Power Burnham, who commanded a Division of the United States Army in the Great War. Reuter's American Service.

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL FOREGATHERING OF OLD PUPILS.

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon British School former pupils' association was held at the Central British School, Kowloon, yesterday evening when quite a fair number of old pupils were present.

Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, the chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts, said: "The past year has been a year of achievement and success and the committee are to be congratulated on their ability to present such a splendid report of our activities during the year."

"The number of members is increasing, but there are still some old boys and girls who have not yet joined us and to these I appeal for their support of our association which offers them opportunities for social intercourse and for joining the different sports sections. Our grounds are now in splendid condition and we have at last an up-to-date club house."

"On behalf of the association I wish to thank Mr. Pearne for the great work he has done for us. He made the plans of the club house and, not only that, he superintended the erection of the building."

"I have with great regret to announce that Mr. King for business reasons, has been forced to resign the post of secretary of our association. He, with the other members of the committee, can look back with pride and satisfaction on the work accomplished during their period of office. Indeed, it is due to their energy, enthusiasm and pushing power that we are to-day the proud possessors of a very fine club house."

The Hockey Teams.

"I congratulate the hockey teams, both the men's, under Mr. Whiteley, and the ladies' under Miss Woolley, on having passed through a very successful season, and next year we hope to be the proud possessors of the Cael Clark Cup. Keen interest is being taken in basket ball and the club has been having a wonderful year."

Mr. B. Wylie, seconding, said: "For some years past I have been one of your Vice-Presidents and I must say, to my regret, that I have never been able to attend any of these meetings until to-night. My real object in saying a few words is this. Although I have been a Vice-President I have done very little for the association. From time to time ladies and gentlemen have come to me for advice and assistance. Indeed, I will go so far as to say that instead of helping you I have attempted to retard your progress and I have been a 'wet blanket' on your activities."

"It was only a few months ago that Mr. King came to me and showed me his plans for the new pavilion and I said to him, 'I am doubtful whether you should build such a pavilion because you have no tenure for the ground.' I must congratulate Mr. King and yourselves in having accomplished your task despite the efforts of an old fogey like myself to keep you back."

The report and accounts were carried subject to the amendment proposed by Mrs. Pinguet that the words "not past pupils of the school" be added to the third paragraph from the end of the report.

The meeting then went into the rules of the association and some additions to rule No. 14 were made. Mrs. Pinguet also moved that there should be three ladies on the committee instead of two.

This proposal was seconded and carried.

Office Bearers.

The election of office bearers was the next item gone into by the meeting and the following were elected:—

President.—Mr. A. E. Wood.
Vice-Presidents.—Messrs. B. Wylie and G. P. de Martin.
Chairman.—Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale.
Secretaries.—Mr. E. Moses and Miss Woolley.
Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. E. Moses.
Committee.—Mrs. Pinguet, Miss Avenael, Miss Hirst, Mr. T. Whitley, Mr. J. J. Hirst and Mr. Angus.

LOCAL RADIO.

A RELAY FROM KO SHING THEATRE.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres.
5.00-5.30 p.m. Children's recorded programme (supplied by Messrs. The Anderson Music Co.).
5.30-6.30 p.m. European programme of Columbia records selected and supplied by Messrs. The Anderson Music Co.
6.00 p.m. Relay from Ko Shing Theatre.
11.00 p.m. Close down.

PRETTY WEDDING.

MR. PRISMALL AND MISS HARRIS-WALKER MARRIED.

Quite a novel note in wedding dresses was struck by Miss Jessie Elizabeth Harris-Walker for her marriage to Mr. Alan Prismall, at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon. She chose silver lame, and its uncommon design was a copy of a Paris model from Lucile Farray, and was made by Maison de Modes (Mme. d'Orby). The long tulle veil and train was surmounted with a coronet of orange blossom, and silver shoes, and a bouquet of white orchids and Honolulu creeper completed the ensemble.

The early Victorian period dresses of the bridesmaids added another unique touch. Of white net, they were frilled from waist to toe with a delicate introduction of white taffeta. The tight bodices were finished with a bolero, set off with silver shoes, and head-dress of nasturtiums. They carried sheaves of orange gladioli.

Miss Harris-Walker is the eldest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. C. Harris-Walker, of No. 55, The Peak, and the groom, who is secretary of the Hongkong branch of the A.P.C., is the younger son of the late Mr. Arthur Prismall and Mrs. S. R. Prismall.

Mrs. Harris-Walker wore cornflower blue georgette with a black hat and carried a bouquet of African daisies. The bridesmaids were Misses Edna Blackburn, Eileen de Biere, and Joyce Harris-Walker. Dr. J. W. Anderson was best man, and the groomsmen Mr. J. Ashworth and Mr. H. C. B. Watson. Rev. H. V. Koop officiated.

After the reception at the bride's home the couple left for Repulse Bay, the bride wearing a Parisian gown, by Madam Chiffon, of buttercup crepe de chine with cape, hat and bag to match. They leave for Japan by the Empress of Japan on Thursday. The wedding cake and all catering arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Lane Crawford, Limited.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1515 s.
Chartered Bank, \$17 n.
Mercantile & B., \$25 1/2 n.
East Asia \$110 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1,050 b.
Union Ins., \$450 n.
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Revenue Officer Grimmit said the man had eight tael of the drug when he was arrested at the Canton Wharf yesterday. He also said that there had been a number of other cases when Chinese soldiers coming down here in uniform had been discovered with contraband opium in their possession. Defendant was fined \$2,500, or six months' hard labour.

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THE K.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

AUSTRALIANS ASKED TO HONGKONG.

A suggestion that the incoming committee should consider the possibility of extending an invitation to an English, South African or an Australian team of cricketers to pay a visit to the Colony was put forward by Mr. E. A. Udy at the annual general meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club which was held last evening. Mr. R. E. Lindsell (President) was in the chair and was supported by members of the general committee. After the secretary, had read the minutes of the previous meeting he briefly reviewed the activities of the past year, mentioning that the report and statement of accounts were in a very satisfactory position. After several lean years they had now had a fat year.

The chairman congratulated the cricket team on securing the championship under the captaincy of Mr. W. Brace but regretted the impending departure of Mr. Brace. He hoped, however, that with the inclusion of Mr. Lyal who had since returned and with last year's enthusiasm, the team would repeat their performance. Speaking of lawn bowls he mentioned that the team had won many meritorious victories, including one against the Civil Service C. C.

Referring to the inauguration of the club as a limited liability company the chairman said that the period under review concerned the old club and he would not, therefore, enlarge upon the activities of the newly established institution. He would, however, sound a note of warning that the articles would have to be strictly enforced with regards to the payment of debts, etc.

Dealing with the question of the new club house a committee had been appointed while a sum of \$30,000 had been collected by the issue of debentures. It was not proposed to issue the remainder of the debentures as the money was not required until about six months' time.

Election of Officers.

The report and statement of accounts having been adopted the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Vice President, Mr. E. Abraham; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. P. Robinson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Alexander, Capt. Cricket XI, Mr. C. Lyal; Vice Capt., Mr. E. C. Fincher; General Committee, Messrs. A. Hyde Lay, W. W. Hirst, F. Goodwin, V. C. Labrum, E. C. Fincher, A. E. Silkstone, R. S. Logan; Balloting committee Messrs. O. B. Raven, C. G. Harrison, J. A. Howe, F. E. Lawrence, James Smith, C. J. Tacchi, A. W. Brown, H. Overy, W. Hyde, W. Goldenberg, and A. C. Burford. On the proposition of the chairman the usual honoraria of \$350 each was granted to the hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and the convener of the Bar Committee. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$100 per annum.

The chairman said that as the meeting knew, under the old rules as under their new rules, a life member could be elected at the annual meeting on the recommendation of the general committee. This year the committee strongly recommended the election as a life member of the club of Mr. H. Overy, whose services to the club were well known and did not require to be recapitulated. His services as Bar Convener had been particularly meritorious. In seconding the motion Mr. J. P. Robinson described Mr. Overy as "one of the best."

The motion was carried with applause. In thanking the members for the honour bestowed upon him Mr. Overy said that what he had done for the club had been of enjoyment to himself and he could assure them that he hoped to continue his activities for many years to come. He wished them and the new club success.

Members of the building sub-committee were re-elected en bloc.

Invitation to Australians.

Mr. Udy, in putting forward suggestions for the guidance of the incoming committee, said that as the K.C.C. was a cricket club he would like to see the committee considering the possibility of bringing a team to Australia to play here. As a cricketer he believed that the game could be given a great boon if they could get an English, South African or Australian team to come to China during the next season.

Continuing Mr. Udy said that he left Australia twelve months ago but prior to leaving a team had visited Australia under the captaincy of W. A. Oldfield. The trip was undertaken as a pleasure trip, added the speaker. The Australian cricketers were amateurs and would do it as a picnic party and if the Colony could get a team up here it would do a great deal for cricket in the Colony.

The chairman said that the suggestion would be put on record. It was a very valuable one and would meet the due consideration of the committee.

Mr. Udy mentioned that he had written to Mr. Peter McAlister asking whether he could get a cricket team to come to Hongkong in twelve months' time. The conditions were that the team should consist of five members of the Australian team that visited England in the last tour, including Don Bradman (laughter) Charlie Macartney and Warren Bardsley. If the visit materialised the promoters would be doing something in the interest of cricket in the Colony.

The chairman said that if that could only be arranged it would have the support of every cricket club in the Colony. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the officers who had served during the past year concluded the meeting.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

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New York, Sept. 29.

Tone of Market—Weak.
No. of Shares Done—3,500,000.
Call Money—1½%.

American Smelting	51
Anaconda Copper	36
Baltimore & Ohio	92
Borg Warner	21
Continental Oil	15
City Service Common	27
Curtis Wright Common	5
Eastman Kodak	197
Electric Bond & Share	71
General Motors	39
General Railway Signal	67
Gold Dust	36
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	51
Granby Consolidated	17
International Cement	58
International Nickel	20
Montgomery Ward	20
Radio Corporation	28
Radio Keith Orpheum	26
Sears Roebuck	59
Simmons Company	21
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	58
Standard Oil Co. of New York	27
Union Carbide & Carbon	67
United Aircraft & Transport	42
United States Rubber	16
United States Steel	157

THE LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST ROUND PLAYED IN RAINSTORM.

London, Sept. 29.
Diana Fishwick, the British open champion decided at the last moment not to play in the English Ladies' Golf championship which began at Aileburgh to-day, owing to an injury on a hole.

Molly Gourlay, the holder, overwhelmed the tennis player, Mrs. Stocks with 7 up and 6 to play. The first round was played during a rainstorm.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI POLICE COMMISSIONER.

MAJOR GERRARD INVITED TO ACCEPT POST.

Shanghai, Sept. 29.
Major F. W. Gerrard, at present Acting Commissioner of Shanghai Municipal Police has been offered a permanent position in the same capacity, subject to the consent of the Indian Government.

The Shanghai Municipal Council regards with considerable favour the splendid work he has accomplished in reorganising the police department since the departure of Captain E. I. M. Barrett early last year.

Major Gerrard was loaned to the Council and his stay here was to have ended in December when he would return to India. Information emanating from official sources infers that the Indian Government are not prepared to sanction his permanent stay in Shanghai, in view of the value of his services elsewhere.

Major Gerrard is now on holiday in Japan and nothing definite can be said regarding his acceptance or refusal of the offer until his return.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOCKEY.

TEAMS FOR PRACTICE GAME TO-MORROW.

The following are the teams for to-morrow in the Hongkong Hockey Club Practice Game to be played on the Marina ground, Kowloon, bully off, 5.15 p.m.

White.—C. Gregory, W. Woodward (Capt.), J. E. Henry, L. A. Duncan, M. W. Turner, J. E. Noronha, R. D. Beaumont, C. D. J. Law, W. A. Noyers, R. Watson, S. J. H. Fox. Colours.—W. Borrowman, J. A. L. Plummer, L. F. Nicholson, A. A. R. Botelho, O. Butler, J. C. Anderson, R. W. Sapsed, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), G. R. More, M. G. Marriot, T. J. Price.

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CHAPTER XXIV.

Anne talked with her father and mother for 15 minutes.

"There's a nice telephone bill," she said a little ruefully when she hung up. "Promise, Dan, that you'll not forget to tell me how much it is—or I'll call up the telephone company and write a cheque here and now."

"I promise," said Rorimer. "Well, what's the verdict?"

"Just what I thought it would be," Anne Winter laughed. "Father said to do what I thought best. Father always says that in the long run. He was awfully proud, though, and so was mother. They'll probably call up the newspapers right away and tell them all about it."

"Did he offer any legal advice?" Johnny Riddle asked. He chuckled. "He was in a tough spot, I'd say, trying to be legal and fatherly at the same time—and by long distance in the bargain."

"No. He told me if I needed a lawyer to get one out here and he'd pay for it."

Riddle said, "You might send him a bill for my services. I'm pretty reasonable, Anne."

"How about me?" said Collier. Anne laughed. "I wish," she said, "that I had more nerve. I'm going to have cold chills running up and down my spine tomorrow when I tell Mr. Johnson that I've decided the contract isn't satisfactory."

But Dan said she shouldn't let that bother her. "Johnson is used to dealing with hard-boiled eggs. Look him in the eye and tell him 'ix-nay, big boy, ix-nay!'"

It was something of an ordeal for her. Anne was afraid that Mr. Johnson might get out of patience with her, think her an ungrateful upstart calculating and mercenary. But he heard her calmly. Behind his vast desk, a faint smile playing on his lips, he looked like a man who could play a very good game of poker. He had one question:

"Is that your father's advice, Miss Winter?" Cool, casual, one hand resting on the desk before him, his polished nails making little clicks on the hard wood surface.

Anne coloured. "No, Mr. Johnson. He left the decision entirely to me."

A little nod from Mr. Johnson. "Very good judgment—on the part of your father," he paused. Then:

"Perhaps you'd better think it over."

"But I have thought it over. Please don't think me ungrateful, but it's hardly as much as I made on the stage."

"But you didn't have a three-year contract on the stage."

"I should feel better if the contract were for one year."

Mr. Johnson's eyebrows rose ever so slightly.

"I really mean it," Anne said, and he considered this gravely and then got up.

He said, with his faint smile: "It looks as though we can't come to an agreement. I'm sorry."

"I am very sorry," Anne said, and he bowed her out.

When she had gone, Mr. Johnson called in his secretary, told her to see if Garry Sloan could have lunch with him.

Dan Rorimer, when she told him what had happened, said, "Don't worry. He knows now that you're smart." And Johnny Riddle, whom Dan informed, nodded sagely.

"They'll think a lot more of her now. A little independence doesn't hurt." And he predicted that Grand United would make her another offer.

"Maybe not right away, but they'll come around. She'd be crazy to tie herself up for that kind of money."

Two days later Anne again encountered Garry Sloan on the set, but this time the director did not stop to talk. Remarking his quizzical smile, she was hotly embarrassed. Sloan had done her a great favour and she had repaid him with what appeared to be ingratitude. Anne would have liked to explain to him that it was not, but he was not alone. She could not even thank him.

"I thought of the saying about the serpent's tooth," she told Dan, but Rorimer scoffed.

"Why should it make any difference to Sloan? I hope you won't lose any sleep over it. Besides—"

"Besides what?"

Dan grinned. "Oh, I guess his hide's plenty thick." Which was not exactly what he had started to say. He thought, feeling again that strange antagonism toward the man he had never met: "Who cares what Sloan thinks, anyhow?"

Dan was going to San Francisco for a vacation. "An enforced one," he explained to her with a careless laugh. "I think perhaps it's the beginning of the end."

Anne was deeply concerned.

"Why, what do you mean?" And he told her that several in his department had been given two-week layoffs.

"It's no longer a secret that Continental is selling out. I mean it's official now. And some big bugs from Lawson Brothers have been parading around and sitting in at mysterious conferences, and production is at a standstill."

He drew a deep breath. "Believe me, it will be a relief to get away from that mad house for two weeks. The morale of the place is simply shot—more guys moping around and whispering, and worrying about their jobs! I'll be satisfied if I never see it again."

"But why do you say it's the beginning of the end? Do you mean that you think they are going to let you go?"

"Sure. Adamson thinks I'm a bolshevik, anyway."

"Perhaps Adamson will be let out himself," she hazarded, but Dan said he was beginning to think that was unlikely.

"He's a smooth article, and he can talk plenty fast. And if he stays I hope I do go."

Care perched lightly on Rorimer's shoulders, Anne thought, letting her eyes rest on him; and she gave silent consideration to the problems he might be compelled to face should his surmise concerning his status at Continental prove correct.

They were having Sunday supper at the Brown Derby, the place, she now remembered with a faint, reminiscent smile, where she and Dan Rorimer had eaten their first meal together. Then, as now, he had been dissatisfied with things at Continental Pictures. Anne recalled, and she watched him gravely while he ordered for them.

The waiter gone, Rorimer turned to speak to her, encountered her intent gaze, stopped.

"Why the brown study?" he demanded.

"Oh, I was just thinking."

"About me?"

"Yes," she admitted.

"That's a break! I hope it was nice."

"I was thinking that, for a young man about to lose a very important position, you certainly were the embodiment of indifference."

Dan laughed. He said he was very disappointed. "You see, I was hoping it was something else you were thinking about."

"What, for instance?"

"Oh, I don't know; but it would be wonderful to get a pleasant surprise. Now, when I think about you—and I'm doing that practically all the time—"

"I'm sure you are."

"I always think how wonderful you are, and how beautiful, and—"

"I hope you have a good time in San Francisco, Dan. Have you ever been there before?" Her eyes danced with little lights of mischief.

"You see?" Dan complained. "Every time I start making love to you, you let me down with a great big thump. . . . No, I've never been there, but I know a couple of boys on the News." And he demanded to know why she always steered him off the subject whenever he got serious.

"Were you serious, Dan? I'm sorry. I thought you were just fooling again."

"You always think I'm fooling," Dan grumbled. "Some of these days you're going to be sorry for trifling with my affections the way you do. I'm going to make you pay and pay and pay."

"Horror!" Anne shuddered.

"You'll see," he threatened darkly. And he was suddenly serious once more, he reached across the table, let his hand linger on hers for a moment or two; and Anne saw in his eyes that which caused her to drop her own.

"Happy, Anne?"

She nodded.

He said, "So am I. I'm always happy when we're together."

"So am I, Dan."

"Honest?" His eyes sought hers eagerly; he leaned closer.

"Of course, silly! Why shouldn't I be?"

Rorimer smiled and sighed. "Oh, I don't know. Only, I sort of hoped there might be some special reason why you should be."

"But there are reasons," Anne insisted. "For one thing, you can be very nice, if you only knew it, Dan Rorimer." She paused. "And you think of such nice places to go, and things to do. And you've been very kind to me. Now, does that satisfy you?"

But Dan stubbornly shook his head.

"I'll tell you my reason, Anne. Would you like to hear it?"

But Anne found laughing, bantering ways of evading him that were just as effective as a definite spoken refusal. And though he met her smile with one of his own,

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WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER.

FOUR OTHERS ALSO CHARGED.

A terrible death was meted out to a villager in the New Territories as a result of embracing his daughter-in-law, according to the Crown case against five fellow villagers, which was set out before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at Taipo Police Court yesterday afternoon.

There were five prisoners, the principal one Tang Yung, aged 63 (widow) who was charged with the murder of her husband, Cheung Pak-yau, also 63 years of age, at Sheung Tse Village, Pak Heung Valley, Au Tau, on September 1, this year. The others were Cheung Yuk-shun, Cheung Yau-luk, Cheung Shiu and Cheung Shiu-hing, who were charged with aiding and abetting. Prisoners were undefended.

In telling the Crown version of the crime, Mr. Andrews said that Cheung met his death in the village between five and six o'clock on the afternoon of September 1. No news of his death reached Au Tau Police Station until two days later, September 3, when, at about noon, Sergt. C. Baysting, in charge of Au Tau Station, received a report as a result of which he went to the village and made enquiries.

Defendants Arrested.

Sergt. Baysting succeeded in locating the place where the body had been buried, had it exhumed and sent it to Kowloon Mortuary. As a result of his enquiries the defendants were arrested.

Continuing, Mr. Andrews said that Dr. Utley performed a post mortem examination but the body was in such an advanced state of decomposition that he could not definitely state the cause of death, but either he was beaten to death or strangled to death.

Mr. Andrews added that the circumstances were best described in statements made by the first and second defendants.

First defendant (deceased's wife), when charged, stated that when she returned from the fields she saw her husband trying to embrace his daughter-in-law so she (defendant) struck him with a stick. He then attempted to strike her with a dagger but did not do so. "I told my daughter-in-law to help me to strangle him," continued the statement. The statement went on that the daughter-in-law then struck Cheung in the mouth with a piece of firewood. At that time he was not dead but was still able to speak.

At this point Mr. Andrews pointed out that in the daughter-in-law's statement she said that he was not then able to speak but was apparently unconscious.

Strangled With Rope.

First defendant's statement continued that clansmen came along, there being nearly 100 people present, and she told the clansmen to tie up Cheung and drag him out of doors. Finally she put a piece of rope round his neck, pulled it tight twice and strangled him. After strangling him she told the clansmen to carry his body away and bury it. The statement continued that he was not a good man and had been banished. He also wanted to stab her son and once

said that he would stab both her (defendant) and her son.

The son's statement was to the effect that at about seven o'clock on the morning of the day in question, the sister-in-law took some cooked rice to her father-in-law when he embraced her but she refused his advances. His mother then came in, picked up a stick and struck Cheung. The son then went out to tell firewood and on his return his mother told him that Cheung was not a good man as he had embraced his daughter-in-law. He went and scolded his father but his father scolded him in return so he went to his uncle's house.

Alleged Dagger Attack.

His father found him there and wanted to stab him with a dagger and he also tried to stab first defendant. He was stopped by clansmen who told him to restrain his temper. Later, over ten clansmen went to Cheung's house. His mother told them to tie up Cheung and drag him out of the house. His mother used stones and sticks to strike Cheung and finally strangled him with a piece of rope.

The son's statement added that his father was not a good man as he had been in prison for kidnapping and had also been banished. All the clansmen knew that he was not a good man.

Mr. Andrews explained that those two statements threw most light on the actual circumstances

of the case. There would be three chief witnesses, Pun Chiu-ling, the daughter-in-law, a little boy 13 years of age, and one of the clansmen who arrived on the scene after the murder had taken place and carried the body away to the hillside. He added that the sympathy of the villagers seemed to be all on the side of the defendants.

After giving evidence of arrests, Sergt. Baysting said that the fifth defendant volunteered to show him the grave, which was half a mile to the north of the village. The body was found at a depth of two feet, with no coffin, and had been buried face downwards. He was dressed in a white singlet and black cotton trousers. A rope was tied round his neck so tightly that it was buried in the flesh so that the head was nearly severed.

Among other things, witness said, he was handed a dagger and a bamboo pole.

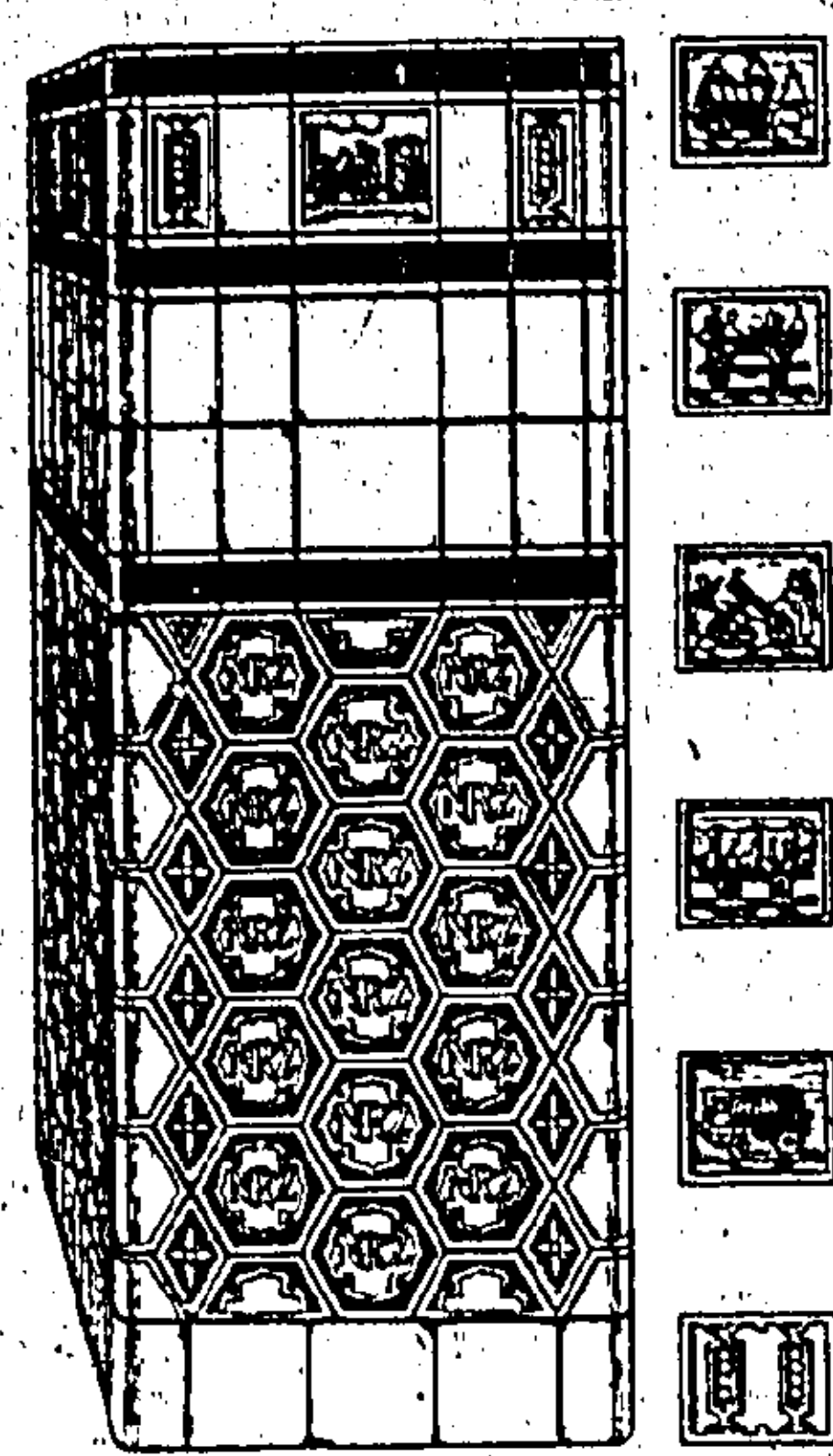
Medical Evidence.

Dr. K. H. Utley, Medical Officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, spoke of making a post mortem and said he could not say if the rope was tied round the neck before or after death as the body was so decomposed. Also, for that reason, he could not tell if there were any bruises and if he had been beaten, but he could say that no bones were broken. Some teeth were missing.

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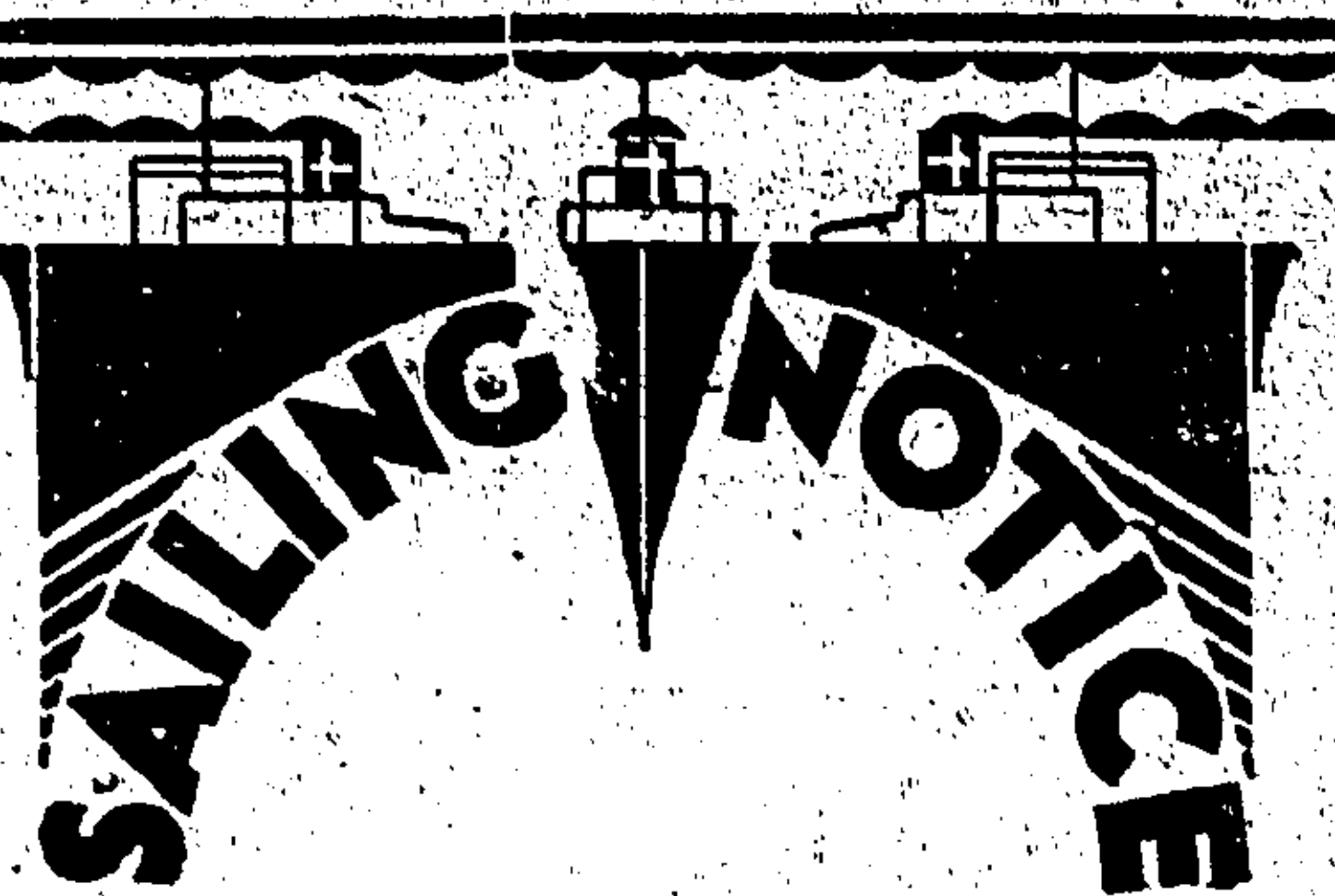
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APPEAL AGAINST DECISION.

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brother did not stay with the defendant.

Betrothal Money.

Going into the witness-box, defendant, in reply to her solicitor, said she was a widow and owed her support to property left under her husband's will from which she was deriving an income of not more than \$180 a month.

She had two sons, both nine years of age, who were being looked after by her. Adverting to the \$100 figuring in the case, she said that it was money customary to a betrothal; that in point of fact a marriage had been arranged between the girl and Au Kwan's younger brother, and that the money was required for the purchase of cakes, etc.

Cross-examined by Mr. Barrow, witness denied that the betrothal question was brought up as an after-thought.

Mr. Barrow: Was there an exchange of horoscopes such as is usual in Chinese betrothals?

Witness replied that she did give a horoscope and a portrait of the girl to Au Kwan. On her side Au Kwan promised to give her a horoscope at a subsequent date. Of the \$100 she received she had already spent \$10 in buying certain goods she detailed as follows: 60 cabbies pork, 40 cabbies cakes, and 6 gallons of wine.

Witness called a number of her acquaintances who testified to having received cakes from her, with the understanding that the betrothal of the girl in the case with a "peasant lad." After Mr. Lo had made his final submissions that he had no case to answer, his Worship confirmed his previous decision.

AFGHAN REFORMS PROPOSED.

GETTING BACK TO ORDERED GOVERNMENT.

Teheran, Sept. 29.

It is reported that the Afghan National Council has passed a resolution to constitute a National Assembly, also municipalities, towns and provinces, and to re-institute ranks, decorations and honorary titles, and the tri-coloured flag abolished by Amanullah.

Amanullah's request for the return of his property was rejected and a resolution passed that a demand be made that he return the State jewels taken away by him.—*Reuter.*

REFORM FOR INDIA.

GOVERNMENT'S DESPATCH SENT BY AIR MAIL.

Simla, Sept. 29.

The Government of India's despatch on Constitutional Reform was airmailed to London yesterday. The despatch is unanimous. Its 250 pages cover all important matters such as the future India Office and the construction of Central and Provincial Governments. It goes, in some cases, beyond the Simon Report.—*Reuter.*

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WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER.

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Evidence was given by Pun Chiu-ling, who said that her husband went abroad seven years ago, since when she had been living with her husband's mother, first defendant, and Cheung. She alleged that Cheung pulled her on to his knee and when first defendant came in she told her about it. He had done the same thing about a year ago and first defendant had then scolded him. Witness was shown the dagger and stated that it belonged to deceased. She added that she did not see it on the day in question. The case was adjourned.

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AMERICAN TRAGEDY.

MARINE CORPS COLONEL ATTACKS WIFE.

Washington, Sept. 29.

Colonel Richard Creecy, U. S. Marine Corp. who was home on leave from Haiti, suddenly went demented and wounded his wife with a hatchet and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. His wife is believed to be fatally injured.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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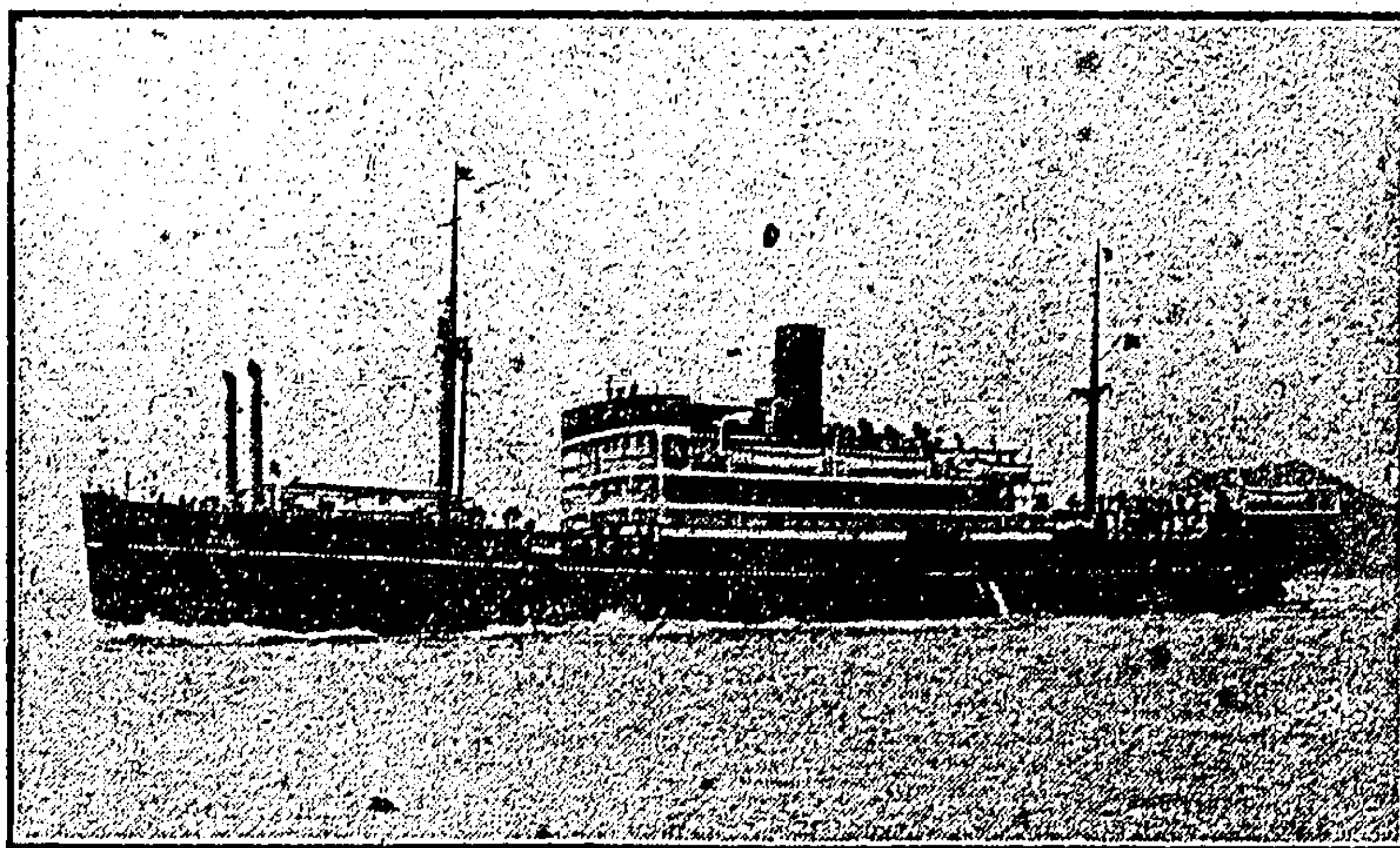
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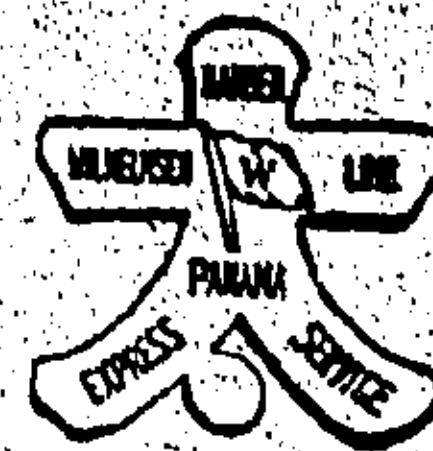


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ASSAULT CHARGE DISMISSED.

CONSTABLE WHO RESENTED A
MAN'S REMARKS.

CHANGED HIS STORY.

A Chinese constable named Ho Ng (P.C. C375) from the Central Police Station, was the complainant in an assault case at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Butters this morning.

The complainant said that about 10.45 p.m. yesterday he went with a friend to Woosung Street to look for the defendant, who was alleged to have told him (complainant) about three nights ago that if he were dismissed from the Police Force he would have to carry a sedan chair in the street.

When complainant met the defendant last night in a store in Woosung Street, and demanded an explanation, the defendant denied having made the remark. Some words then passed between the two, and the defendant, picking up a bamboo stool, struck complainant on the head, causing blood to flow.

Mr. Butters:—Why did you not ask defendant for an explanation on the night he said this to you?

Complainant:—Somebody else told me that defendant had said this about me.

Later, complainant contradicted himself, by saying that the defendant had said this to him personally.

The defendant was discharged.

THE EMPIRE'S AFFAIRS.

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with the idea that success or failure may be measured by success or otherwise in pursuit of that policy. Our object is the national sphere of goodwill, to consider together what can best be removed so far as Governments can remove them.

But whilst the Governments can do a good deal, there are many important things that Governments cannot do. Governments can help to create conditions in which real progress can be made, they can also help to remove obstacles, they can inspire a spirit of confidence and lend guidance to the efforts of individuals. But we must not forget that it is on the efforts of industry itself that the economic prosperity of the Commonwealth largely depends, and one of our chief tasks will be to find a means to encourage those efforts and to ensure that they shall prove fruitful.

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The Singapore Base.

Several inter-Imperial questions which, it is thought likely, may be examined at the conference, were informally discussed by Mr. Thomas. He said that the project for setting up an Empire Court, to which individual units of the Empire might have access for the settlement of differences that were internal and domestic to the British Empire, would probably be discussed at the conference.

He said that the question of an Empire Appeal Court would be debated. It would adjudicate on matters of an inter-State character and perhaps also on the affairs of individuals.

It is understood that an Imperial Conference Committee has been appointed for foreign policy and defence matters, especially to consider the question of the future of the Singapore naval base.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

UNLICENSED DRIVER OF LORRY.

ZIG-ZAG COURSE ATTRACTS
POLICE ATTENTION.

Motor-lorry No. 1443, while proceeding along Des. Voeux Road West yesterday, attracted Inspector Alexander's attention owing to the zig-zag manner in which it was being driven. He stopped the vehicle, and discovered that the driver was unlicensed.

The officer, in bringing the case before Mr. Lindsell this morning, stated that he saw the lorry being driven from one side of the road to the other, the indecision of the driver being further manifested by the fact that he would now and then slow down and then pick up speed again.

There was a load of timber in the vehicle and three or four workmen were also being carried. Defendant was fined \$20, or 14 days, on a charge of driving the lorry without a license.

CONSUL'S CLERK CHARGED.

FORGERY OF SIGNATURE OF
BRITISH OFFICIAL.

FEES FOR PASSPORTS.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
It was learned yesterday, that further charges will be preferred against Woo Puh-ming, clerk of the Passport Office of H. M. Consulate-General, accused of forging the signature of Mr. P. A. North, H.M. Vice-Consul, and misappropriating a sum paid by an applicant for renewal of a passport. The case will be heard again on October 10.

The forgery charge is in connection with a stamp return of the Passport Office on which the prisoner is alleged to have forged the signature of Mr. North. His object, it was stated, was to assure the comrade of the Consulate-General that the figures on the document had been approved by Mr. North.

Mr. Paul Y. Ru, Assistant Municipal Advocate prosecuting at the previous hearing said: "The accused is charged under Article 357 and 224 of the Criminal Code. The first charge is that of misappropriation and the second that of forgery. The accused is a clerk employed in the Passport Office of the British Consulate-General. His duties included the filling of a form showing the amount of stamps a person required for his passport. This form should invariably be given by the prisoner to the applicant who would take it to the comrade's office, pay the necessary stamps and a receipt. He would then return to the accused who was supposed to have the stamps affixed on the passport."

"On September 15, Mr. Howard of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank called at the Consulate-General for a passport and paid \$9.10 to the accused for the necessary stamps. Prisoner was not allowed at any time to receive any sum paid by applicants, but did so on this occasion, retaining the \$9.10 instead of handing it over to the comrade. He was arrested when the thing was discovered."

"The police made inquiries and learned that he had committed many similar offences namely that of keeping the money which he had received from applicants for passports."

Forgery Charge.

Turning to the forgery charge Mr. Ru explained: "The accused had to forward a monthly statement to Mr. North showing the number of stamps sold during the month and the balance in his possession. On July 31, he sent a false statement to Mr. North, whose signature he forged on a stamp return which he gave to the comrade who, seeing Mr. North's signature on the document, was led to believe that the return was in order. The prisoner had been doing this for the past two or three years and the Consul-General regards it as a very serious case. I would ask the court for a fortnight's adjournment to enable us to go over all the accounts of the prisoner. The accused has admitted both charges. I may point out."

Mr. North then made a statement bearing out the above allegations. Accused told the court that he had been in the employ of the Consulate for 18 years, eight of which were spent in the Passport Office. He admitted that the fees for passports should be paid by applicants direct to the comrade's office, and that he had made a false report showing the balance of stamps he sold during the month and the balance of stamps on hand.

He explained that he obtained a specimen of Mr. North's signature by tracing the official's genuine signature on a piece of glass. He declared that he intended to replace the money as soon as he was able and said he would make full restitution of all his defalcations. He could not remember the total he had taken from applicants for passports, but thought it was something like \$250.

HAWKER ALLEGES THREATS.

INDIAN P.C. BRINGS CHARGE
OF OBSTRUCTION.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. Butters at Kowloon this morning with having caused obstruction at one o'clock yesterday in Gillies Avenue, Hong Kong, he made a serious allegation against the Indian police constable who arrested him.

Defendant said that the constable came, together with another Indian P.C., to where he was hawking cloth in Temple Street, about 3.50 p.m. on the same day, and wanted to purchase seven yards of cloth for a dollar. Temple Street was not of the constable's beat.

ANOTHER TRAINER WARNED OFF.

C. CHAPMAN ACCUSED OF
DOPING A HORSE.

THE USE OF "TONICS."

London, Sept. 29.
The trainer C. Chapman has been warned off Newmarket Heath for "doping" a horse, this being the second of such cases within a month.

Chapman has a big stable of thirty horses, his patrons including the Duke of Richmond and Duke of Norfolk. The former was recently elected a member of the Jockey Club.

The Stewards have evidently decided to stamp out doping, as instead of posting the usual notices before the race, they merely took full powers of examination after the race. Many trainers are now anxious, as there are many tonics on the market hitherto regarded as legitimate.—*Reuter.*

[A message dated the 16th inst. stated that a sensation, believed to be unprecedented in horse-racing in Britain, had been revealed by the announcement on Edinburgh race-course that "As a result of an enquiry held by the Stewards of the Lanark Race Meeting after the Carlin Handicap, won by Grand Success on July 24, they reported to the Stewards of the Jockey Club that the horse had been drugged. After further investigations, the Stewards of the Jockey Club are satisfied that a drug was administered to the horse for the purpose of the race in question, and have disqualified the horse for this race and all further races held under their rules; and they have warned off D. Taylor, the trainer." The announcement was signed by Marquess Zeland, Earl Rosebery and Earl Harewood.]

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM PETT RIDGE.

NOTED WRITER ON LONDON
CHARACTERS.

London, Sept. 29.
The death has occurred of the novelist, Mr. William Pett Ridge.—*Reuter.*

The well-known and widely read novelist, Mr. William Pett Ridge, specialised in tales of hard-up London life, and his output had not ceased to be quite recent. His latest work on the market, so far as present records are available, was "Affectionate Regards," issued last year.

Born in 1860, and educated at Marden, in Kent, and at Birkbeck Institution, the late Mr. Pett Ridge, took to journalism, and later to the writing of novels. He lived a country life until 1880, and after a spell of free lance and other work, settled down to writing for a living about 1890. He took up residence in London, and lived there nearly all the remainder of his life.

His literary ability was introduced to the public through Mr. Sidney Low, the editor of the *St. James's Gazette*. About 1890-1891 he submitted to Mr. Low his first sketch of London life, and later he sent, under a pen name, his first story to the same editor. He later contributed largely to that journal, and published "Eighteen of Them," a collection of short stories, in 1894, following up the next year with "Telling Stories," "Minor Dialogues," and "A Clever Wife." It is considered that his last-named novel was his first outstanding one, and the work which finally brought him into public favour.

Mr. Pett Ridge's output since then has been a large one, and all his stories have that appeal peculiar to their environment. One of his better-known and most characteristic books was "Mord Em'ly," published in 1898, and others which most people have read include "The Wickhamms" (1906), "Mixed Grill" (1913), "The Happy Recruit" (1914), and "A Story Teller Forty Years in London" (1923).

He married, 1909, Miss Olga Hentschel, and they had one son and one daughter. The late Mr. Pett Ridge spent most of his hours of recreation roaming about London, east and south of Aldgate. He was a member of the Garrick Club.

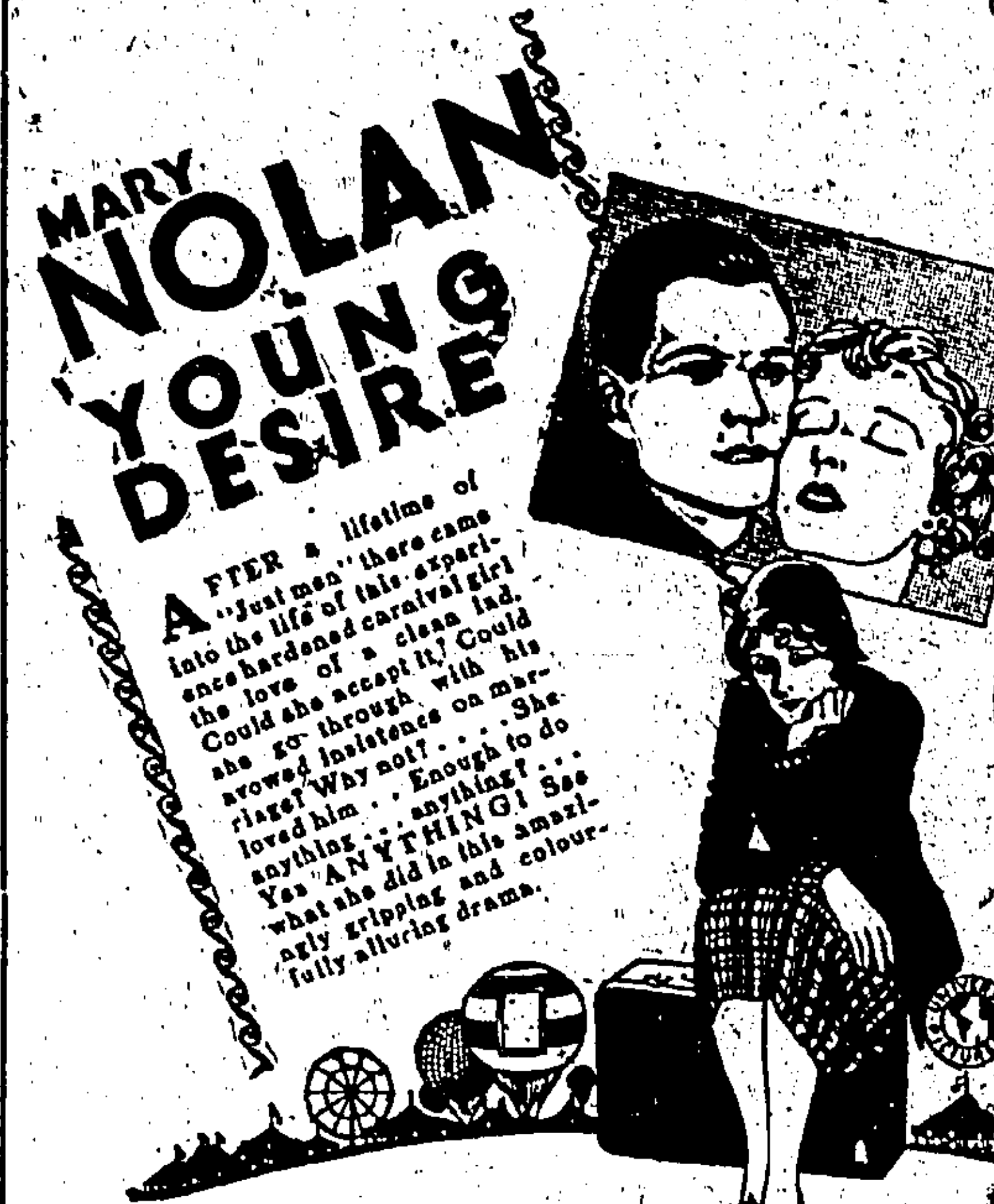
The defendant said that the Indian threatened him, saying:—"Now look here, to-morrow morning when you go to court, don't you say anything about this to the Magistrate."

A witness, called by the defendant, said that he heard the constable say to the defendant:—"If you say anything about me in court to-morrow morning you will get into trouble. I will not let you sell any more." Witness was opposite defendant at the time, and the constable spoke in a loud voice.

Mr. Butters remanded the case until to-morrow, so that inquiries might be made.

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